

MATTHEW LEI

Storyboarding & Animation

EDUCATION

California Institute Of The Arts

Character Animation BFA

SEP 2023 – JUNE 2027

Lincoln High School

SEP 2019 – JUNE 2023

EXPERIENCE

Dream Catchers | Santa Clarita, CA – Co-Creator, Showrunner, Animator

DEC 2023 – PRESENT

- Managed a team of 20+ people and produced a YouTube animated mini-series with 6 episodes (13,000+ subscribers, 80K+ combined views)
- Animated characters, props, backgrounds, camera in Blender
- Recruited, trained, and led a new team of animators
- Ran social media accounts for promotional material, collaborated with musicians, language dubbers, and merchandising platforms

Deep Space Discounts | Virtual – Storyboard

Freelance

Harry Barnett – deepblueink@outlook.com

APRIL 2025

- Deep Space Discounts is an independent animated series created by YouTube animator, DeepBlueInk
- Storyboarded a couple scenes in various episodes from script and audio in ToonBoom Harmony

Friends Collection | Virtual – Animation Intern

Michael Kuroda – michael@borbs.com

JUNE 2024 – AUG 2024

- Friends Collection creates plush toys designed for neurodivergent individuals
- developed weekly storyboards and animated short (~30s) reels for marketing plushies in Adobe Animate

GingerPale | Virtual – Animator & Storyboard Artist

Devon St. Arnaud – gingerpalebusiness@gmail.com

JUNE 2023 – AUG 2024

- GingerPale is a prominent YouTube animator with 1.9M+ subscribers
- Worked with GingerPale (Devon) to develop official videos and shorts for YouTube and Instagram
- Storyboarded and animated shorts and segments of videos in Adobe Animate



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AWARDS

Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards | National Gold Medal Film/Animation 2023

Portland Public Schools Film Festival | Best Conceptual Award 2023

Hot Topic Laika T-Shirt Fanart Contest 2023

Doodle 4 Google | Three-Time State Winner for Oregon (2013, 2016, 2022)

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Animate

Adobe After Effects

Adobe Premiere Pro

Adobe Illustrator

TV Paint

Storyboard Pro

ToonBoom Harmony

Blender

Maya

Java

JavaScript / HTML / CSS

Python