# EMMA BENSON

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741 N Laurel Avenue | Los Angeles CA 90046 | 323.358.5210 Video Artist, Photographer, Animator, Graphic Artist

#### **SPOTIFY** - 2022

Voiceover Artist: Recorded "Stone's Throw" audio book, directed by Roger Rittner. Performed 6 different characters.

#### LANKERSHIM ARTS CENTER THEATER, North Hollywood - 2022

House Manager: Coordinated 5-7 house staff for 15 public performances.

#### **HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL** - 2022

Manager and Actor: Set up lighting, managed props and costumes, performed in 5 showings.

#### CalArts - 2019 - 2022

Film/Video Equipment Storeroom Assistant: Organized and distributed professional grade equipment. Production Manager: Organized costume, props, controlled schedules for fellow graduate's thesis play. Voice Actor: Performed in the short film "There's A Party and Everyones Invited," which was selected for multiple film festivals.

#### MARTINE SYMS, Filmmaker - November 2020

Actor: "She Mad," a film written and directed by Martine Syms, artist, critic and CalArts faculty. The film was installed at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago and Bergen Kunsthall Art Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden.

#### LAB INC., Brain Harner AIA - Summer 2020

Video Artist: Created animated short for the "Underground Film Challenge" to help revitalize a unique, underground shopping mall in Arlington, VA.

# PRODUCERS GUILD OF AMERICA - September 2017

Production Prop & Lighting Assistant: "Magnetic Players," a short film competition finalist.

## **NATIONAL TV COMMERCIAL** - 2014

Lead Actor: Performed the lead role for a major software company TV commercial directed by an Academy Award winning director. This opportunity came from being a finalist in a national Kraft's Food stop motion film competition. Their talent agency recruited me for the commercial. It was never aired and I have a non-disclosure agreement.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- Software: Procreate, Adobe Premiere Pro, Pro Tools, Dragonframe, Toon Boom Animation, Vegas Pro, iStopMotion, Adobe Photoshop, TVPaint
- Equipment: RED Camera, Sony Camera A7 II, Canon XC15, Spectra Digital Meter, TV LED Kit, Bolex Camera, Sekonic Analog Meter, LED Cam Light
- Special Training: FilmSkills Safety Training, Lighting Design, Boom Operator

#### **EDUCATION**

- California Institute of the Arts, BFA Film/Video Program, Fall 2022
- Larchmont Charter School, Honor Roll graduate, 2018
- UCLA Film & Television Summer Institute, 2017

## **ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS**

- Echo Park Film Center, Member since March 2017
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Member since 2007
- References available upon request