

CRAIG HILLS

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EDUCATION

Exceptional Minds Graduate - 2017-2020

Los Angeles, CA

- Studied 2D animation, Character & Prop design, Storyboarding, 3D modeling

Institute of American Indian Arts – 2016

Santa Fe, NM

- Studied Film, Color Theory, Digital Art

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2D Animator, *Cartoon Network x Exceptional Minds Animated Shorts*, 2025

Los Angeles, CA

- Directed *Courtesy Clerk*
- Worked on rough and cleanup animation for *Courtesy Clerk*, *Success*, and *Proud Bird*

2D Animator, *Have You Seen Gordon*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2024

Los Angeles, CA

- Animated for iREAD: Reading Program ad

2D Animator, *Reel Start*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2024

Los Angeles, CA

- Worked on rough and cleanup animations for Tree's Blood and Peppermint Spiral

Character Designer, *Popio on the Patio* podcast, 2023

Soldotna, AK

- Designed characters for podcast cover

2D Animator, *Grief is a Spectrum Too*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2023

Los Angeles, CA

- Animated sequences for Hospice video

2D Animator, *Blippi Meets Hans the Robot*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2022

Los Angeles, CA

- Animated Hans the robot animation sequence

Prop Designer, *Sesame Workshop Backyard Camping*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2021

Los Angeles, CA

- Designed additional props, & rough animations for segments

2D Animator, *Off Center Inc*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2021

Los Angeles, CA

- Animation for logo ad

2D Animator, *Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation*, Exceptional Minds Studio, 2020

Los Angeles, CA

- Animated and designed my interview

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Cartoon Network Studios Mentorship 2019

Burbank, CA

- Worked with a mentor on character designing.

AWARDS

Mythlogic

- Marvel of Media Collaborative Innovation Award — Marvels of Media, 2022 Museum of the Moving Image

Robot Love

- Jury Award — Mary Pickford Theater, 2019 Palm Springs International Film Festival
- Best Animated Short — Academy of Dreams, 2019 Palm Springs International Film Festival
- Grand Jury Prize Best Animated Film — 2019 Sherman Oaks Film Festival

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CTNX, Burbank, CA, 2019

- Ambassador for Exceptional Minds at Animation convention

Exceptional Minds, Sherman Oaks, CA, 2018-2019

- Helped students with animation projects for summer program

SOFTWARE

- Proficient in Toon Boom Harmony, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Animate, Storyboard Pro, Premiere Pro, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Maya, ZBrush, Substance Painter

SKILLS

- Drawing, hand-drawn animation, character/prop design, storyboarding, backgrounds, 3D animation, 3D Modeling