



Destiny Slater

2D Animator + Illustrator

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I embrace the complexities of life, femininity, and expression, intertwining them with social causes that resonate with me. My work highlights strong Deaf protagonists and diverse narratives, exploring Deafhood, gender identity, and the human experience. I'm dedicated to using my artistic voice to advocate for accessibility, environmentalism, creative rights, and the integrity of human art.

Professional Experience

Design Lead, Animator, Character, Visual Design, & Researcher

Ta-Da Studios, remote

February 2019 – Present

- Led design and animation projects at a Deaf-led creative marketing agency.
- Designed visual assets, character designs, and branding materials.
- Coordinated, lead, and supported artistic development of other team members.

Animator, Graphic Artist, & Art Style Guide Writer

Signing Animation, remote

January 2023 – January 2024 (1 year)

- Worked on Kickstarter-funded film projects, 2D animation and motion graphics.
- Collaborated on developing art style guides for consistent visual storytelling.

Illustrator, Animator, Graphic Designer

Freelancer, Pittsburgh, PA

April 2007– Present

- Illustration, 2D animation, and graphic design for various clients and projects.
- Creative solutions in team-based productions, including logo and storyboarding.

Webcomic Colorist

Crossing-Over, remote

Nov 2014 - Oct 2015 (1 year)

- Filled in a weekly page with full rendering color to creator's specifications.

Graphic Designer & Production Assistant

LionWorks Printing & Graphics, Edgewood, PA

November 2014 - October 2015 (1 year)

- Designed logos, flyers, and banners, organized files
- Facilitated shipping processes, client, and provided assistance to others.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Media Arts & Animation

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

December 2018

NOCTI Certifications

Visual Communications and Multimedia Design, 3525

2015

Advertising Design, 5261

2014

Skills

- Creative Direction
- Creative Project Management
- Brand Identity
- Accessibility Advocacy
- Illustration
- 2D Animation
- Character Design
- Versatility in Art Softwares
- Fluent in ASL

Exhibitions

- Deaf Spotlight's Community Art Exhibit
Summer Solstice 2024
- Deaf Visual Arts Festival
Best Emerging Artist, 2021
- RIT/NTID Dyer Arts Center
Deaf Queer Art, 2020
- The Art Institute of Pittsburgh
Best of Portfolio Show:
Employer's Choice Award, 2018

Talks

- Deaf Business Owners, 2022
- Gallaudet University Class, 2019
- University of Pittsburgh Class, 2019
- Texas School for the Deaf's Animation Class, 2019
- DPAN.tv, Real People, 2019

