

Objective

To tell great stories through memorable, engaging character animation.



Experience

Animaton Supervisor & Layout Artist – Independent, Austin, TX

- **March 2011-present:** Supervising animator and layout artist working remotely with a 45-member team on an independent short film entitled "One Per Person." Release date set for summer 2012.

Freelance Animator – Elevatid, Swedesboro, NJ (working remotely from Austin, TX)

- **November 2011:** Animator on a pitch project for a candy company.

Character Animator – SpeakeasyFX, Westfield, NJ (www.SpeakeasyFX.com)

- **September 2008-July 2011:** Animator (for 2 seasons) for Sesame Street's "Abby's Flying Fairy School" (AFFS), a televised series & online digital media airing during seasons 40 and beyond
- Significantly contributed to the composition, scene layout, and assignment of shots
- **December 2010:** Layout Artist, supervising composition and continuity on Sesame Street's "AFFS"
- **September 2009-January 2010:** Interactive developer; coordinated and completed cg asset production
- Worked directly with Sesame Workshop's Digital Media Department on creative direction, game logic, scene layout, task management, and animation production for the "AFFS" online interactive Flash games
- **Other:** Animated Joe (science lab) for Capri Sun's "Disrespectoids" online campaign (2011), various shots for "Hot Dog & Hamburger" IP (2010), SpeakeasyFX & Sarofsky Corp. Coca-Cola iPhone promotion (2009)

Freelance Animator – LAUNCH, New York, NY (www.321Launch.com)

- **September 2010-October 2010:** Contributed 3d animation, compositional skill, motion capture cleanup
- Worked with animation leads, directors, and producers on fine-tuned commercial previsualization

Art Director – CVC Communications, Fort Wayne, IN (www.TheBusinessStorytellers.com)

- **September 2006-December 2008:** (onsite staff through Mar. 2007; on remote contract through Dec. 2008)
- Worked directly with corporate clients to satisfy a variety of visual media needs: logos, websites, animated screensavers, video motion graphics, email letterheads, packaging, conference materials
- **May 2006-September 2006** (freelance graphic designer for CVC website and branding development)

Education

Animation Mentor – Diploma of Advanced Studies in Character Animation, Apr. 2006 – Jan. 2008

- Improved sense of timing, acting choices, interaction (multi-character shots), and refining techniques
- Adjusted to a studio-like schedule involving careful planning, iterative improvement, and critical feedback among peers and from mentors (including Don Kim, BlueSky; Steve Gagnon-Cady, Weta Digital; Raquel Coelho, GKR; Brett Coderre, Pixar; Ricardo Curtis, Pixar; Greg Whittaker, DreamWorks)

Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN – Bachelor of Science, May 14, 2005

- GPA 3.23/4.00 – Computer Graphics Technology (CGT) – Animation Specialization
- 2005 Outstanding CGT Senior of the Year, Outstanding Professional Project Award (shared)
- Selected lecturer at summer 2004 workshops in Poland to teach a variety of CG skills at university level
- SIGGRAPH Chapter Secretary 2002-2005, Student Volunteer in 2004 Los Angeles Conference
- Inducted in 2003 into Epsilon Pi Tau, International Honorary of Leadership in Technology

Software Knowledge

- XSI, Maya – 3D Character Animation
- Photoshop, Illustrator – Graphic Design
- Flash, HTML – Basic Website & Digital Media Creation
- Motionbuilder – Motion Capture (marker sets & cleanup), Animation

References & Recommendations

"I had the pleasure of working with Laura on two seasons of "Abby's Flying Fairy School" for Sesame Street. Laura is an excellent animator who works diligently on her scenes while always managing to deliver more than expected. Her animation is always inventive and alive. Though the workload was hectic at SpeakeasyFX Laura always hit quota with footage that had charm and honesty. Besides her animation skills she also has a very good eye for composition which came in handy when layout would need an extra boost. I highly recommend Laura and look forward to working with her again."

Jan Carlee, *Director, SpeakeasyFX; jlcallee@earthlink.net* – 650.678.4791

"Laura is an amazing animator and a fabulous team player. She has fantastic leadership skills and is able to encourage those around her to give their best. As an animator, she is very talented. She is responsible, takes her job seriously and is an asset to our company." Julie Stewart, *Managing Director, SpeakeasyFX; julie@speakeasyfx.com* – 908.447.6360

"Laura Skowronski Nattam and I have worked together on a 3D animated production for Sesame Street at SpeakeasyFX. She is one of the most talented animators I have had the opportunity to work with and know on a professional and personal basis. Laura has a nearly palpable energy and enthusiasm in both her personality and her work. She has shown incredible dedication to the project. Laura approaches every obstacle as an opportunity to learn, and her positive 'can-do' attitude has clearly been an inspiration to her co-workers. I hope to have the chance to work together soon and will continue to stay connected to Laura for a long time to come." JoEllyn Marlow, *Producer, SpeakeasyFX; MarlowJem@aol.com* – 718.768.8412

"Laura is an ideal employee and colleague. Besides being an excellent animator, she is "morale glue" when it comes to building a team. Terrific (repeat) attitude, exemplary worker, smart, funny, flexible, good-humored and multi-talented. She is precisely what you hope to hire and are seldom fortunate enough to actually have on a winning team."

Sally Anne Syberg, *Executive Producer, Speakeasy FX; salux@earthlink.net* – 212.924.0945

"Laura is a brilliant animator who always knew how to bring out the best in Abby. I had the pleasure of working along side her for two seasons of "Abby's Flying Fairy School" at Speakeasy FX and she would always put so much charm into the show's characters. Her sensitivity and good timing would always shine when animating."

Cesar Tafoya, *Animator, SpeakeasyFX; soncesar@hotmail.com* – 915.252.9218

"Laura is by far the kindest and most gentle person I have met in the animation Industry. We worked together at SpeakeasyFX on Abby's Flying Fairy School. She was one of the first people to welcome me to the team, which made my transition to the company a smooth one! Laura is a very educated and talented animator. She is extremely easy to work with, detail oriented and funny! Anyone would be lucky to have her as a part of their animation team!"

Kevin Worth, *Character Animator, SpeakeasyFX; kevinworth@gmail.com* – 617.645.8406

"Aside from being a superb designer, Laura has the ability to size up a client's or project's needs and respond with spot-on creative. She is a pleasure to work with." Paul Chapman, *Exec VP, CVC; paulc@com-pel.com* – 847.651.8407

"Laura is a quality person who is always ready to contribute to the greater good of an organization. She served as the student lab coordinator for computer graphics at Purdue. I am proud that she is one of our outstanding program alumni."

Marvin Sarapin, *Professor & Head Computer Graphics Technology, Purdue University; msarapin@purdue.edu* – 765.494.7505

"I have known Laura since 2004 when she accompanied me to Poland to teach Computer Graphics Animation at the Resovia Technical Institute. Laura is an extremely mature and capable animator – able to communicate complex, technical processes clearly and at a level that beginners can understand. She was prepared on a daily basis with presentations, handouts and tasks for the students to accomplish. Professionally, Laura has gone on in the animation field, most recently working for an animation company that did the work for The Sesame Street Workshop presentation, "Abby's Flying Fairy School". I am quite impressed with Laura's abilities, her openness and willingness to share and collaborate. I would recommend Laura without reservations."

John Finnegan, *Associate Professor, Purdue University; jcfinnegan@pusb.iusb.edu* – 812.206.8386

"Laura is hard working and dependable and kind. She impressed me with her enthusiasm for her chosen profession and her ability to handle responsibility. She has remained the same way since I was first lucky enough to have her in my teaching group, and it will carry her far."

Mike Flaherty, *Visiting Lecturer in Rzeszow, Poland (WSIZ), Purdue University; flaherty.mike@gmail.com* – 765.409.0583

"Laura is a talented artist and an extremely hard worker. In addition to being passionate about the job, she is easy to get along with and works well with other artists. She adds insights, takes feedback well, and brightens the entire group dynamic with her personality. I'd happily work with Laura again."

Will Kistler, *Student, Purdue University; wkistler@gmail.com* – 859.361.3402