

# Aarti Damania

2D Character Animator & Illustrator

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#### **ABOUT ME**

I'm a 2D Animation student at SCAD with strong skills in character animation, visual storytelling, and tools like Toonboom Harmony and Adobe Creative Suite. Passionate about crafting emotionally resonant visuals, I'm always eager to grow my skills and collaborate with others to bring compelling stories to life.

### **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

Toonboom Harmony

Procreate

MS Suite 365 (Word, Excel, PPT)

Google Suite

Adobe Creative Suite (After Effects, Illustrator, Photoshop)

## SKILLS

- 2D Character Animation
- Character Illustration & Design
- 2D Rig Set Up
- 2D Rig Animation
- Layouts & Colour Theory
- Background Illustration

# CLUBS

SCAD Atlanta 2D Rig Club - Officer 2023 - Present

## LANGUAGE

Fluent in English & Hindi

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## 2D Animation Lead - Crimson Night (2D Short Film)

March 2025 - Present

- Led a 2D animation team to ensure all work aligned with the project's visual style and production deadlines.
- Produced high-quality character animations and designed concept backgrounds and prop sheet that enhanced narrative clarity and visual consistency across the production.

## 2D Animation Lead - Maladaptive Dreamer (2D Short Film)

December 2024 - May 2025

- Collaborated with leads and directors to manage the 2D animation pipeline, ensuring consistent visual quality across both rig-based and rough animation.
- Utilized Toon Boom Harmony to deliver expressive character acting through both rough and rigged animation shots.

# Co-Director & 2D Animator – Rat King (2D/3D Hybrid Short Film)

September - November (2024)

- Co-directed a hybrid 2D/3D animated short, leading a team of 17 artists and coordinating a streamlined production workflow over a 10-week timeline.
- Supervised 2D animation, delivering clear, actionable feedback on layout, animation, visual style, and compositing.
- Created and animated 2D elements to ensure seamless integration with 3D assets, contributing rough and cleaned-up animation for multiple key sequences.

# Co-Director & 2D Animator – Fungal Foes Forever (2D Short Film)

April - June (2024)

- Co-led story development, art direction, and shot planning from script to final compositing. Designed key characters, props, and established a unique visual style in collaboration with Co-Director.
- Built a fully functional 2D cutout rig in Harmony for a principal character, using it in multiple acting and dialogue shots.
- Contributed background illustrations, rough and clean-up animation, and composited final shots in Harmony.

## **EDUCATION**

Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), Atlanta - Animation BFA

September 2022 - Present

GEMS Modern Academy (IB), Dubai

2020 - 2022