KAYLA KEENER

Storyboard artist, animator, writer, & director

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles *MFA Animation,* September 2023   GPA 3.976

University of Chicago *BA Mathematics & Visual Arts*, June 2020   GPA 3.659

REEL

Link: https://youtu.be/Hk2UmnMjj0E

PORTFOLIO

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EXPERIENCE

Animator | *Rubber Chicken Cards* (part-time), June 2022-present
- Animating characters in Adobe Animate, refining character designs, handling backgrounds and color, programming interactive elements in Javascript.

Director, Writer, Story Artist, & Animator | *Eden (UCLA)*, October 2021-March 2023
- Awarded Matt Groening Fellowship, won "Best Story" at UCLA Animation Extravaganza, featured in UCLA's Director's Spotlight;
- Screened at San Jose International Short Film Festival, SouthCoast Alliance Wave nominee.

Director, Story Artist, & Animator | *Hunting Rabbits (UCLA)*, December 2021-June 2021
- Awarded Matt Groening Fellowship;
- Screened at San Diego International Children's Film Festival, Science Fiction & Fantasy Short Film Festival, Indy Film Festival, and more.

Teaching Assistant | *UCLA*, October 2022-June 2023
- Introduction to Animation (Fall 2022), Interactive Animation (Winter 2023), History of Animation (Spring 2023).

Intern | *Acme Filmworks*, June 2021-September 2021
- Cataloged Acme Filmworks' archives;
- Compiled Vimeo showcase reels for clients.

Undergraduate Intern | *STAGE Lab*, University of Chicago, April 2020-September 2020
- Co-authored "Capturing Science with Animation in Documentary Film," winning best poster in CAURS 2021 in the category of Humanities & Fine Arts, History, and Linguistics;
- Worked with my director and collaborated with colleagues to communicate scientific research through documentary and animated storytelling;
- Created training material for future animation interns.

Production Intern | *InterVarsity 2100 Productions*, Madison, WI, June 2018-September 2018
- Built an animated interstitial sequence for a conference;
- Communicated visual development and style to clients.

SKILLS

- *Software:* StoryboardPro, TVPaint, Autodesk Maya, Adobe Photoshop, AfterEffects, Premiere, Animate CC, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- *Computer Languages:* basic knowledge of C, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS
- *Languages:* conversant in Mandarin

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Foraging, history, theology, Byzantine iconography, horology (I like clocks and watches!)