

Derik Gonzalez (He/They)

Story Artist, Animator, and Voice Actor

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About

Hey there! My name is Derik Gonzalez, and I'm a Story Artist, Animator, and Character Designer. I recently graduated from Five Towns College in Dix Hills, New York. I'm a relaxed and creative team player always willing to help out the team whenever they need it, and I can get along with just about anybody.

Work Experience

Story Artist/Director - FurToonist - Short Film (2025) (Freelance)

- Storyboarded short film about a dog named Dogrik, feeling directionless with his art career, trying to find that spark.
- Responsible for all aspects of the film, including storyboards, sound design, and character designs.
- Produced the film within a dedicated timeframe

Storyboard Artist/Voice Actor - Meta Nomad - Short Film - Remote (August 2025 - Present)

- Assisted the project runner/director with sketching and revising storyboard sequences
- Worked closely with the project director and voice-over director on line deliveries and audio foley.

Storyboard Artist/Animator/Voice Actor/Story Editor - REA Studios - Remote (Sept. 2025 - Present)

- Assisted the project runner/director with sketching and revising storyboard sequences for their web series "Brain and Heart"
- Worked closely with the project director and voice-over director on line deliveries and audio foley
- Was consulted for additions to the script for the character of Brain.

Character Animator - Vanderbilt Planetarium - Centerport, New York (Sept. 2023 - April 2024)

- Developed and illustrated new character designs, storyboards, and animations for the Vanderbilt Planetarium's mascot, Oscar the Sun.

Track/Arcade Attendant - RPM Raceway - Farmingdale, NY (February 2021 - Present)

- Maintained the arcade floor and offered repairs and mechanical support to the machines that needed it. As well as operating and running the Go Kart Track for customers.
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Education

Five Towns College, Dix Hills, NY - September 2020 - May 2024

BFA in Interactive Media Arts (IMA) - Concentration in Character Design/Animation.

Notable Courses: Comic Art, Fantasy and Character Creation, Drawing and Imaging 1 & 2.

Software Experience

- Adobe Creative Suite (Animate, Photoshop, After Effects)
- Clip Studio Paint
- Toon Boom Harmony
- Toon Boom Storyboard Pro
- Procreate
- Reaper Audio Editor
- Sony Vegas Pro
- Microsoft 365

Skills

- Animation Timing and Staging
- Time Management
- Multitasking
- Quick Learner
- Windows
- Customer Service
- Problem-Solving Skills