

# Derik Gonzalez (He/They)

## Story Artist, Animator, Character Designer, Background Designer

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### **About**

Hey there! My name is Derik Gonzalez, 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.

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### **Work Experience**

#### **FurToonist - Motivation - Short Film (2025)**

- Storyboarded short film about a cartoon dog feeling directionless with his dream career, desperate 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

#### **Character Animator - Vanderbilt Planetarium - Centerport, New York (September 2023 - April 2024)**

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

#### **Five Towns College - Digital Media Art: Design Tutor - Dix Hills (October 2023 - May 2024)**

- Tutored students in Adobe Creative Suite programs such as Photoshop and Illustrator for their Digital Media Art Design class.

#### **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.

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### **Software Experience**

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Clip Studio Paint
- Toon Boom Harmony
- Toon Boom Storyboard Pro
- Procreate
- Reaper Audio Editor
- Sony Vegas Pro

### **Skills**

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