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Illustrator & Animator

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About Me

Chelsea Heard is an Illustrator, Character Designer and Animator based in sunny California with over 5+ years of experience! Since childhood, Chelsea has always enjoyed utilizing her art as a way to tell stories and draws most of her inspiration from her personal life experiences as well as the world around her. She enjoys experimenting with bold colors, lines, perspectives, facial expressions and exaggerated features when drawing which gives her work a unique look! *Curls*, was Chelsea's first children's book which she illustrated, wrote and published back in 2017 and then created an animated adaptation of it during her undergrad at NYU Tisch School of the Arts in 2022. *Curls* was inspired by her personal experiences with her curly hair growing up and it went on to win various awards during its film festival rounds, screening at the 2023 LA Shorts, and winning Best Animated Film at the 2023 Cannes World Film Festival.

Awards

- 2024 Collision Awards Founding Jury
- 2023 Cannes World Film Festival - Cannes, French Riviera - Won Best Animated Film
- 2023 LA Shorts International Film Festival - Los Angeles, CA - Official Selection
- 2023 Meet Film Festival - Roma, Italy - Finalist
- 2023 Student World Impact Film Festival - Honorable Mention
- 2022 Cultural Animation Film Festival- Honolulu, Hawaii - Official Selection
- 2022 Richard Protovin Animation Award Recipient
- 2022 James R. Janowsky Awardee Recipient

Experience

Collision Awards Founding Jury: Art Critic

Los Angeles, California May. 2024 - June. 2024 (Seasonal)

- Screened 60 animated films and shorts over a period of 2 months.
- Gave feedback and rated each film according to the Collision Awards standards.

Contracted Color Artist

Los Angeles, California April. 2024 - May. 2024

- I was a Color Artist on the animated film "Little Girl in the Blue Dress." This was the thesis film of Re'h Hearne and was presented at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy in Los Angeles!
- Colored over 200 frames of animation and delivered final product before the deadline!

Creative Production Assistant

New York University, New York, NY Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2021

- Created 50 social media posts, and stories to advertise NYU production office services.
- Created 3 animations for NYU instructional videos.
- Identified customer service issues and provided effective and efficient solutions.

Curls (Short Film) & Children's Book

Los Angeles, California Jan. 2017- Dec. 2022

- A Short animated film based on my children's book, *Curls*.
- Created the 5 min Animation, over 30 Character Designs, 2 Animatics, 1000 frames of Linework, 20 Background Designs, & fully colored over 1000 frames of animation.
- Illustrated, wrote and published my children's book called *CURLS*.

Contracted Illustrator, Oxford University Press

New York, New York, NY Dec. 2021 - Mar. 2022

- Created an illustrative cover for the Oxford University Press
- Coordinated 15 visual ideas for clients' creative direction.

Education

New York University

MA IMA | 2022 - 2024 | GPA: 4.0

Education

New York University

BFA Film & TV | 2019 - 2022 | GPA: 3.8
2022 Honors Scholar - Cum Laude

SKILLS

- Procreate Animation
- Toon Boom Harmony Character Design
- Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Premiere Pro Problem Solving
- Illustration Storyboarding
- Microsoft 360 Linework