

Donavon Brutus

Fine Artist/Illustrator/Animator

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About

In my career I've had the opportunity to animate professionally for over 15 years, participate in over 80 art exhibitions, public art projects, interviews and festivals. Many of which have led to assorted awards. I'm particularly enthralled by projects that speak to mindfulness, social justice and the environment.

Education

Bachelors of Fine Arts in Computer Animation 2008

International Academy of Design & Technology, Tampa, FL

Disciplines

2D/3D Animation, Traditional/Digital Drawing, Sculpture, Pottery, Realism, Abstraction, Art Direction, Storyboarding, Critique, Idea Generation, Graphic Design, Print prep, Video Editing, Compositing.

Personal Attributes

Highly Organized, Good communicator, Fast learner, Self-motivated, Willing to follow and not afraid to lead. Adaptable, Problem Solver, Cooperative, Independent, Open minded, Resourceful.

Selected Awards

2022 Finalist/Alternate, Citizen Astronaut Program, Space for Humanity. Denver, CO

2022 Winner, PSTA Bus Art Wrap "Diversity Moves Us" Contest. St Pete, FL

2022 3 Wins, *51st Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards*. San Francisco, CA.

2022 7 Nominations. *51st Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards*. San Francisco, CA

2022 Featured in Paint the Void City Canvas Retrospective Mural exhibition. San Francisco CA

2021 3 Nominations. *50th Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards*. San Francisco, CA

2021, 2016, 2014 One of 40 Winners. 15,912 submissions, 42,900 submissions, and 28,096 submissions, respectively. *Embracing our Differences*. Art displayed at billboard size in 2 month exhibit. Sarasota and Bradenton, FL

2020 1 Win, Promotion-Single Spot, *49th Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards*. San Francisco, CA.

2020 2 Nominations. *49th Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards*, ABC 7. San Francisco, CA

2018 Winner, Best Picture: "Story of Poo". *Afro Comic Con Film Fest*. Oakland, CA

2018 Winner, 2nd Place, Digital Art. *Explorations Competition*. Artrepreneur. New York City, NY

2018 One of 5 Winners, 8 illustrations on 20 buses. *SF Beautiful MUNI Bus Art*. San Francisco. CA

2016 Nomination, Video Category. Vizzie Award, National Science Foundation, Alexandria, VA

2008 Winner, 1st Place. *Special Effects Animation*, IADT Awards. Tampa, FL

2005 Winner, 2nd and 3rd Place. *NWA Sculpture Competition*. Fayetteville, AR

2004 Winner, 2nd Place and Honorable Mention. *NWA Sculpture Competition*. Fayetteville, AR

Artist Residencies

- 2023** Artist in Residence, 03/01-03/31. *Space A AIR*. Kathmandu Nepal
- 2023** Artist in Residence, 02/04-02/28. *Joshua Tree National Park AIR*. Joshua Tree, California
- 2022** Artist in Residence, 12/01-12/31. *Kaaysa AIR*. Boicucanga, Brazil
- 2022** Artist in Residence, 10/27-11/16. *Karen Village AIR*. Nairobi, Kenya
- 2022** Artist in Residence, 05/13-05/19. *Art Ventures AIR*. Branson, Missouri
- 2018** Artist in Residence, 09/30-10/07. *All That We Are*. Hobart, Tasmania

Selected Articles/Interviews/Presentations

- 2022** Presentation, Live. *Aligning your art with purpose*. PechaKucha Nairobi. Nairobi, Kenya
- 2022** Interview, Local News, Fox 13 News, Bus Winner. St Petersburg, FL
- 2022** Presentation, virtual. *What Inspires You?* Arkansas Arts Council. Little Rock, AR
- 2021** Interview, Conference, video pre-recorded. *Art Swagger 2021*. Los Angeles, CA
- 2021** Lecture, virtual. *Explore AR Art*. Fort Smith Regional Art Museum. Fort Smith, AR
- 2021** interview, recorded virtually. *Creative Class Podcast*. Toronto, Canada
- 2019** Interview, Magazine. *Visual Arts Issue: Arkansas Abroad*. The Idle Class. Fayetteville, AR
- 2019** Volunteer, Teaching Youth Art. *Naimisharanya Kshetra*. Dhulikhel, Nepal
- 2018** Interview, Live Panel. *Film and TV Professionals*. Afro Comic Con. Oakland, CA
- 2018** Presentation, virtual. *Creative Path*. UNC Pembroke. Pembroke, NC
- 2015** Volunteer, Teaching, 5th grade Art. *Great American Teach In*, CCES. Tampa, FL
- 2010** Interview, Magazine. *Overseas Companies Hiring American Workers*. Newsweek. NYC, NY

Selected Exhibitions/Screenings

- 2022** *Critical Black Theory Show*, Theatre Squared. Fayetteville, AR
- 2022** *City Canvas Retrospective Mural Exhibition*, Paint the Void Pier 70. San Francisco, CA
- 2021** *Life is Hard, but Better with Art*, 111 Minna Gallery. San Francisco, CA
- 2021** *The Big Bald Art Show*, Larry David Show, The Bruce Lurie Gallery. Los Angeles, CA
- 2021** Group Mural shipping container. "Resistance" NWA Heritage. Bentonville, AR
- 2021** *Conserving the Magic of Our Planet*, Walt Disney Family Museum. San Francisco, CA
- 2020** Mural Painting, Paint the Void, Donatello Hotel. San Francisco, CA
- 2020** *The Return*, 111 Minna. San Francisco, CA
- 2020** *Beyond the Confines of My Mouth*, Art Ventures. Fayetteville, AR
- 2020** *Winter Wonder Wasteland*, Syzygy. San Francisco, CA
- 2019** Group Screening, Motion Festival. Nantes, France
- 2019** Group Screening, *Animation Fest*, "Expedition Reef", SIGGRAPH 2019. Los Angeles, CA

2019 *Story Mode*, Art Ventures. Fayetteville, AR
2019 *American Art in Black*, The Faulkner Center. Fayetteville, AR
2019 *The Cosmos*, Syzygy. San Francisco, CA
2018 *Artist Alley*, Tampa Bay Comic con. Tampa, FL
2018 *Battle of the Bay*, NBC Universal, Giants/Oakland A's Stadium. San Francisco, CA
2018 *Equality Backlash*, Art Ventures. Fayetteville, AR
2018 *Dubz Against the World 2 Art Show*, SomArts. San Francisco, CA
2017 *Artist Alley*, Afro Comic-Con 2017. Oakland, CA
2017 4 Animated Billboards in Time Square. Combined 14,000sf. NYC, NY
2017 *Dubz Against the World*, SomArts. San Francisco, CA
2017 *A Sense of Place*, Art Ventures. Fayetteville, AR
2016 *The Enchanted World of Miyazaki*, 22 Artist, Mid-city Arthouse. Los Angeles, CA
2016 5x5 show, Tampa Museum of Art. Tampa, FL
2014 Group Screening, in Ars Electronica Festival. Linz, Austria
2014 Two-Person Show, "Et tu Brutus" Art show with one other artist. Tampa, FL
2012 *Canvas 7*, 30 Artist, Element Warehouse. Tampa, FL
2010 *Camille Leone*, 80 Artist, The Ritz. Tampa, FL
2009 *Canvas 5* with 35 other Artist, Element Warehouse. Tampa, FL

Gallery Affiliations

2019-Present Represented Artist, Art Ventures. Fayetteville, AR

Work Experience

ABC7 KGO-TV. San Francisco, CA Lead Designer of Brand and Premium Content 2019 – 2022

California Academy of Sciences. San Francisco, CA. Motion Designer, 2016 – Present

Bisk Education. Tampa, FL. Motion Designer, 2014 - 2016

Tricycle Studios. Tampa, FL. Multimedia Designer, 2010 - 2014

Sunshine Learning Systems. Lutz, FL. Contract: Motion Designer, 2010 - 2010

Sawmill Productions. Tampa, FL. Motion Designer/Editor, 2009 - 2010

Hype Media USA. Tampa, FL. Graphic Design/Motion Graphics, 2008

The Spot Marketing. Tampa, FL. Motion Graphics/Graphic Design, 2008

Rubens Art Studio. Tampa, FL. Illustrator 2006 - 2007