

# Donavon Brutus

Fine Artist/Illustrator/Animator

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## About

**Donavon has been animating professionally for over 15 years, participated in over 80 art exhibitions, public art projects, interviews and festivals. Many of which have led to assorted awards. He's enthralled by projects that spark conversation around 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, Drawing, Sculpture, Murals, Vinyl wraps, Pottery, Realism, Abstraction, Art Direction, 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

**2021, 2016, 2014, 2025** 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

**2023** Electric Traffic Box Vinyl wrap. "Vrksasana Series" SWBID. Washington, DC.

**2023** 1 Win, 52nd Annual NOR CAL EMMY® Awards. San Francisco, CA.

**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

**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

**2015** Volunteer, Teaching, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art. *Great American Teach In*, CCES. Tampa, FL

**2010** Interview, Magazine. *Overseas Companies Hiring American Workers*. Newsweek. NYC, NY

## Selected Exhibitions/Screenings

**2024** Group Show, "FROM THE EARTH TO THE SKY " Gallery Y. Washington, DC.

**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

**2019** Group Screening, Motion Festival. Nantes, France  
**2019** Group Screening, *Animation Fest*, "Expedition Reef", SIGGRAPH 2019. Los Angeles, CA  
**2019** *American Art in Black*, The Faulkner Center. Fayetteville, AR  
**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** 4 Animated Billboards in Time Square. Combined 14,000sf. NYC, NY  
**2017** *Dubz Against the World*, SomArts. San Francisco, CA  
**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  
**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

**Associated Press. Washington, DC** 3D generalist and motion designer, Climate team 2024-2025

**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