

# Aaron Rivera

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## Education

BA Industrial Arts / Product Design 2005, San Francisco State

## Skills

Fine art / fine detail painting / Airbrush / Spray Booth Mixed Media Modeling / DragonSkin silicon for special effects and prosthetics Printmaking/ Graphic Reproduction / Rapid Visualization / Drafting, familiar with CAD Microsoft Word, Power Point, Windows and Mac OS, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Acrobat

## Work

2018

### **Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey / Starburns Industries**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Barney Marquez**

Finishing and painting of Tin and Platinum parts for stop motion puppets.  
Creation of illustrated elements. Detailed feature painting

### **Super Mansion season 3 animated series / Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Puppet fabrication and assembly. Color Matching. Detail painting for lead hero puppets in various mediums including: RP printed material, cast resin, platinum silicone, foam, etc.

### **Wendell & Wilde, Henrey Selick feature test / Netflix**

**Painter / contact Sarah Serrata**

Worked with director Henry Selick, and production Designer Lou Ramano, to choose final colors for puppets and assets. Color matching paints to Pantone, detail feature painting for hero puppets and set elements, color tests, costume paint treatments.

### **God of War Playstation Ad / Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Painting and fabrication of God of War characters for TV ad.

2017

### **Robot Chicken Season 9 / Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Puppet fabrication, sculpting, and assembly. Last looks on set. Wire armature fabrication. Color Matching. Detail painting for lead hero puppets in various mediums including: RP printed material, cast resin, platinum silicon, foam, etc.

### **Sony Playstation Ad / Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Detail painting, and finishing of puppets for TV ad.

**2016**

**Super Mansion season 2 animated series / Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Puppet fabrication, and assembly. Last looks on set. Color Matching. Detail painting for lead hero puppets in various mediums including: RP printed material, cast resin, platinum silicon, foam, etc.

**2015**

**Vans 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Short / Pet Gorilla**

**Art Department / contact Eileen Kohlhepp**

Fabrication, illustration, and painting of various animatable origami elements constructed from paper and cardboard.

**Happy Honda Days Holiday Ad / Shadow Machine**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Rosa Tran**

Wire armature and puppet fabrication, latex painting.

**Tumble Leaf season 2 animated series / Bix Pix Animation**

**Assistant Painter / contact Robyn Yannoukos**

Painted sets, props, and puppets for the Emmy and Annie winning children's program "Tumble Leaf."

**2014**

**Cost of Living web series / Raised by Wolves Media**

**Production Designer / Artist / contact Dave Bingar**

Worked with Director to design and dress and interior sets and fabricate props for "Cost of Living" web series, and worked with producer to create illustrated poster for series.

**Through the Artist Eyes / L.A. Metro Art**

**Artist / contact Alan Nakagawa**

Worked with Senior Public Art Officer to design and execute light rail posters and bus car cards inspired by the Los Angeles neighborhood of Lakewood for the "Through the Artist Eyes" series.

**Croissant Man web series / Tulica Singh Production**

**Artist / contact Tulica Singh**

Worked with writer/ director to develop and illustrate murals featuring anthropomorphized food for sets featured in the Croissant Man web series.

**2013**

**Anomalisa stop-motion feature / Starburns Industries**

**Puppet Fabricator / contact Carolyn Kastelic**

Worked on Charlie Kaufman stop-motion animation project "Anomalisa". Performed fine detail painting and repair for silicone puppet bodies, and rapid prototype faces. Was responsible for creation and painting of main characters' eyeballs. Operated the spray booth for airbrushing and clear-coating of puppets. Carried out puppet fabrication including color matching character skin paint formulas, sanding and preparing pieces for molding and paint, as well as cleaning and corrective work on rapid prototype and molded elements, and patching and rebuilding damaged puppets on set.

**BeMo Productions**

**Storyboard Artist / contact Alessandra Serrano**

Worked with creative director to illustrate storyboards for TV spots as part of a rebranding project for a major Asian sports network.

**2011/2012**

**The Shadow King stop-motion feature / Shademaker Productions**

**Assistant Painter / contact Arwen King**

Worked on stop-motion animation projects, including “Untitled Henry Selick Project.” Performed fine detail painting for puppet faces and assets in a fast paced production environment. Was responsible for creation and painting of main characters’ eyeballs. Aided in tracking of character assets within the paint department and assisted in chatter testing. Operated the spray booth for airbrushing and clear-coating of puppets. Carried out puppet fabrication including color matching character skin paint formulas, sanding and preparing pieces for molding, as well as cleaning and corrective work on rapid prototype and molded elements.

**Contact for References**

**AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS**

Exhibiting Artist, “Sexy Beast” group show Hive gallery  
Featured Artist, “Robot Chicken Art Show” 8-Bit gallery  
Exhibiting Artist, “Laloozapalooza” group show, La Luz de Jesus gallery  
Featured Artist, “UNICEF Next-Gen Art Party” UNICEF Next-Gen  
Featured Artist, “Union Station 100yr Anniversary” L.A Metro Arts  
Featured Artist, August group show Campfire gallery  
Featured Artist, La Fiambrera gallery  
Featured Artist, “UNICEF Next-Gen Art Party” UNICEF Next-Gen  
Exhibiting Artist, “Laloozapalooza” group show, La Luz de Jesus gallery  
Exhibiting Artist, “Project Angle Food Charity Auction” Project Angle Food  
Exhibiting Artist, “Coaster Show” group show, La Luz de Jesus gallery  
Exhibiting Artist, “Laloozapalooza” group show, La Luz de Jesus gallery  
Exhibiting Artist, “Think Big” Global Inheritance Show, Art Basel  
Production Design, “Girls Night” comedy short  
Exhibiting Artist, Bite Me Cafe  
Exhibiting Artist, Internos Wine Bar  
Exhibiting Artist, Emmy’s Spaghetti shack  
Exhibiting Artist, Climate Gallery curatorial group show  
Exhibiting Artist, Discarded to Devine, Charity Art & Fashion Benefit Auction  
Exhibiting Designer, Synaptic Design Exhibition