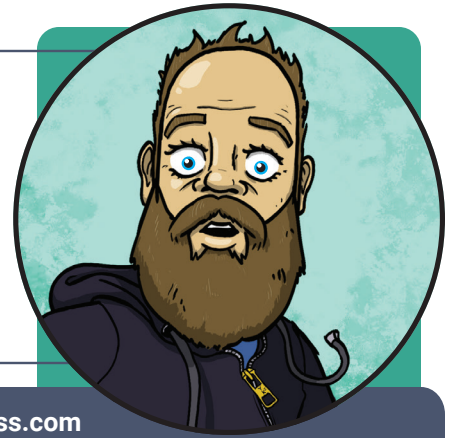


Evan Charles McCandless

Motion Graphics Designer & Animator

I am a seasoned Motion Graphics Designer and Animator with over 9 years of comprehensive experience. I blend traditional techniques with AI technologies, pushing creative boundaries and delivering innovative solutions. My collaborative approach and proactive attitude make me a valuable team player in fast-paced environments. Driven by a passion for narrative and promotional design, I am eager to contribute my creativity and expertise to a forward-thinking team, aiming to set new benchmarks in visual storytelling.



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WORK EXPERIENCE

Creative Designer & Prompt Engineer

SMACK Art

2023 - 2024

- **AI Art Composer Innovation:** Collaborated on the development of POZY, a user-friendly AI art platform, enhanced through ChatGPT interactions.
- **Intuitive Design:** Engineered a seamless user interface using Midjourney and Adobe Illustrator, elevating user experience through accessibility and ease of use.
- **Expert Prompt Engineering:** Produced over 30,000 images, and fine-tuned AI art outcomes using a blend of technical acumen and creative insight.

2D Animator

Copernicus Studios

2020 - 2023

- **Animation Expertise:** Played a pivotal role as a senior animator for Teen Titans GO!, Care Bears, and various Adult Swim shorts.
- **Collaborative Team:** Thrived in a team-centric, deadline-driven environment, worked within an existing pipeline and consistently met high standards, necessitating minimal revisions.
- **Creative Acknowledgement:** Recognized as an invaluable team member, exceeding project expectations with innovative solutions and a firm understanding of timing, posing, and style consistency.

Creative Director

Videos That Matter

2016 - 2020

- **Creative Leadership:** Spearheaded creative initiatives, led multidisciplinary teams to produce compelling content on vital social issues.
- **Versatile Expertise:** Mastered diverse tools like After Effects and Toon Boom Harmony for dynamic animations and comprehensive content production.
- **Impactful Storytelling:** Elevated social issues through powerful storytelling and visuals, fostering community engagement and driving change with empathy.

EDUCATION

BFA in 3D Graphics & Digital Animation

Minor in Art History

University of Colorado Denver

2009 - 2013

PERSONAL WORK

Music, Animation, & Ceramics

- **Music Video Production:** Filmed, animated, and edited several full length music videos, utilizing green screen, roto, and chroma-key techniques layered with hand drawn animation.
- **Projection Mapped Animation:** Collaborated with Night Lights Denver to create several animations designed for projection on the side of a clocktower.
- **Handmade Ceramics:** Engages deeply with ceramics, particularly enjoying the process of throwing pottery on the wheel. Underscoring a commitment to craftsmanship and creativity outside the digital realm.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software

After Effects

Photoshop

Animate

Illustrator

In Design

Audition

Maya

Zbrush

Unity

Unreal Engine

Toon Boom

TV Paint

AI Tools

Midjourney

DALL-E

ChatGPT

Various Plugins

SOFT SKILLS

Leadership

Collaboration

Creativity

Communication

Focus

Organization

Problem Solving

Adaptation