

# GUNJAN DERE

Story Artist, Animator and Illustrator



## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Animator & Storyboard Artist** — Remote  
Independent Student Films — *Dec 2024 - Present*

- Collaborated with directors to storyboard and animate emotionally resonant short films, adapting style, pacing, and visual storytelling across diverse projects
- Delivered assets and revisions under tight deadlines, maintaining consistent quality and clear communication

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA  
**Teaching Assistant** — *Jan 2022 - May 2024*

- Facilitated learning for undergraduate and graduate classrooms of up to 20 students, offering technical support and creative guidance
- Provided 4+ hours/week of lab support, troubleshooting animation software/hardware and assisting with complex creative techniques

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA  
**Projection & Event Assistant** — *Aug 2022 - May 2024*

- Supervised technical delivery for 8 Digital Cinema Package screenings, ensuring smooth execution
- Coordinated logistics for 8 USC-hosted events, maintaining schedule precision and professional presentation

## VOLUNTEERING

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA  
**Senator - Graduate Student Government** — *Aug 2022 - May 2024*

- Advised the Finance Committee on weekly student org funding applications to ensure resource efficiency
- Supported Programming Committee events through flyer design, volunteer coordination, and departmental outreach

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA  
**Treasurer - SCA Graduate Council** — *Aug 2022 - May 2024*

- Managed a \$100K budget and approved event funding across 8 departments, ensuring compliance with financial policies
- Encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration through co-sponsored events and outreach

## EDUCATION

**University of Southern California** - Los Angeles, CA  
Master of Fine Arts, Animation & Digital Arts - May 2024

**Limerick Institute of Technology** - Limerick, Ireland  
Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Animation & Motion Design - May 2020

**Algonquin College** - Ottawa, ON  
Advanced Ontario College Diploma - May 2019

## CONTACT:

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## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:



Autodesk Maya



Toon Boom Harmony



Photoshop



After Effects



Touch Designer



Unreal