

# Kirsten Gaila

## CHARACTER AND BACKGROUND DESIGN

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## EDUCATION

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**California Institute of the Arts** | Valencia CA September 2021 - Present  
Character Animation BFA 2

**California State Summer School for the Arts** July 2021 - August 2021  
Animation

## SKILLS

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### DIGITAL

- Procreate
- Premiere
- TV Paint
- Photoshop
- After Effects

### LANGUAGE

- English

## AWARDS

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### 2019 - 2021

- Calarts Merit Scholarship
- California Arts Scholar
- Scholastic Art and Writing Awards | Silver Keys

## EXPERIENCE

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### FREELANCE

2020 - 2022

- Commission work in character design for individual clients
- Participated in two nonprofit zines as a page artist

### VOLUNTEER WORK

2019 - 2021

- Character icon commissions for individual clients; earnings went toward the HealthWell Foundation
- Organized and packaged food for the LA Regional Food Bank