

# Laura Skowronski Nattam

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## Objective

To bring cheer, patience, and problem-solving into Austin-area creative services, especially character animation (3d/CGI) and related video production/project management.

## Experience

### Lead Layout Artist / Animator – Mighty Coconut, Austin, TX ([www.mightycoconut.com](http://www.mightycoconut.com))

- **July 2016-February 2017:** Provided layout, animation, fixes and shot finaling (Maya) for a children's series.

### Producer – Invodo, Inc., Austin, TX ([www.invodo.com](http://www.invodo.com))

- **October 2013-June 2016:** Produced the Verizon Wireless customer experience for in-store on-device showcases, including animated videos, graphics, and interactive content.

### Animator – The Rugan Concept, Los Angeles, CA ([www.robertrugan.com](http://www.robertrugan.com)), remotely from Austin, TX

- **December 2015-January 2016:** Animated a pitch for a full-length CGI/Live action feature film (XSI).

### Animation Supervisor & CG Producer – Danny and the Wild Bunch, remotely from Austin, TX

- **July 2013-September 2014:** Supervised animation and CGI production for "Danny and the Wild Bunch" film (2014), an award-winning blend of live action and CGI characters directed by Robert J. Rugan, III.
- Animated shots (XSI), critiqued animation, and coordinated CGI tasks for our virtual studio team.

### Animation Supervisor & Layout Artist – One Per Person, remotely from Austin, TX

- **March 2011-September 2014:** Supervised animation and layout for "One Per Person" film (2015).
- Provided layout, rig testing, animating (Maya), shot delegating/critiquing for our 50+ member virtual team.

### Producer – Janimation, Dallas, TX ([www.janimation.com](http://www.janimation.com))

- **March 2012-August 2012:** Produced CGI-animated commercial TV/web video spots for a variety of clients.

### Freelance Animator – Elevatid, Swedesboro, NJ ([www.elevatid.com](http://www.elevatid.com)), remotely from Austin, TX

- **November 2011:** Animated a pitch project for a candy company (XSI).

### Character Animator – SpeakeasyFX, Westfield, NJ ([www.SpeakeasyFX.com](http://www.SpeakeasyFX.com))

- **September 2008-July 2011:** Animated Sesame Street's "Abby's Flying Fairy School" TV segments (XSI) with a quota of 700-1000 frames per week. Assisted with layout, composition, and show continuity. Helped with coordination, creative direction, game logic, layout, and animation for online interactive Flash games.
- Animated Joe (science lab) for Capri Sun's "Disrespectoids" online campaign (2011), various shots for "Hot Dog & Hamburger" IP (2010), SpeakeasyFX & Sarofsky Corp. Coca-Cola iPhone promotion (2009).

### Freelance Animator – LAUNCH, New York, NY ([www.321Launch.com](http://www.321Launch.com))

- **September 2010-October 2010:** Provided 3d animation, composition, mocap cleanup for commercial pre-viz.

### Art Director – CVC Communications, Fort Wayne, IN ([www.TheBusinessStorytellers.com](http://www.TheBusinessStorytellers.com))

- **May 2006-December 2008:** Developed branding and visual media needs of the company and its clients (Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, HTML, Dreamweaver).

## Education

### Animation Mentor – Diploma of Advanced Studies in Character Animation, Apr. 2006 – Jan. 2008

- Studied timing, acting, interaction, planning, refining techniques, and feedback methods for improvement

### Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN – Bachelor of Science, CG Animation, Aug. 2001 – May 14, 2005

- Outstanding CGT Senior of the Year Award, Outstanding Professional Project Award (2005)
- Select Lecturer at university-level workshops in Poland teaching computer graphics and animation (2004)
- SIGGRAPH Chapter Secretary (2002-2005); Conference Attendee (2003-2007); Student Volunteer (2004)
- Inducted into Epsilon Pi Tau, International Honorary of Leadership in Technology (2003)

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## References & Recommendations

"Laura really is a one of a kind Animator. Laura was my Animation Director on my first job out of college. She served as both a great animator and mentor. Her experience and high caliber talent as an animator helped polish my skills as a new animator fresh in the work force. I learned a great deal about not only how to hone my craft under her tutelage, but also how to navigate the work force. I remember the impeccable eye for quality she had while reviewing my shots. She was able to locate any oddities within my work and expertly explain how to improve the quality, but also give constructive praise for the aspects of the work that shined. The advice she gave me has served me well on every job I have had. Her skills as an animator are a constant inspiration through my career. It was an incredible experience working alongside and learning from her. Laura is an irreplaceable asset for any animation team."

Frank Patterson, *Animator, The Rugan Concept (Danny and the Wild Bunch)*; frankwpatterson@gmail.com

"I had the pleasure of working with Laura on two seasons of "Abby's Flying Fairy School" for Sesame Street. Laura is an excellent animator who works diligently on her scenes while always managing to deliver more than expected. Her animation is always inventive and alive. Though the workload was hectic at SpeakeasyFX Laura always hit quota with footage that had charm and honesty. Besides her animation skills she also has a very good eye for composition which came in handy when layout would need an extra boost. I highly recommend Laura and look forward to working with her again."

Jan Carlee, *Director, SpeakeasyFX*; jcarlee@earthlink.net

"Laura is an amazing animator and a fabulous team player. She has fantastic leadership skills and is able to encourage those around her to give their best. As an animator, she is very talented. She is responsible, takes her job seriously and is an asset to our company." Julie Stewart, *Managing Director, SpeakeasyFX*; julie@speakeasyfx.com

"Laura Skowronski Nattam and I have worked together on a 3D animated production for Sesame Street at SpeakeasyFX. She is one of the most talented animators I have had the opportunity to work with and know on a professional and personal basis. Laura has a nearly palpable energy and enthusiasm in both her personality and her work. She has shown incredible dedication to the project. Laura approaches every obstacle as an opportunity to learn, and her positive 'can-do' attitude has clearly been an inspiration to her co-workers. I hope to have the chance to work together soon and will continue to stay connected to Laura for a long time to come." JoEllyn Marlow, *Producer, SpeakeasyFX*; MarlowJem@aol.com

"Laura is an ideal employee and colleague. Besides being an excellent animator, she is "morale glue" when it comes to building a team. Terrific (repeat) attitude, exemplary worker, smart, funny, flexible, good-humored and multi-talented. She is precisely what you hope to hire and are seldom fortunate enough to actually have on a winning team."

Sally Anne Syberg, *Executive Producer, Speakeasy FX*; salux@earthlink.net

"Laura is a brilliant animator who always knew how to bring out the best in Abby. I had the pleasure of working along side her for two seasons of "Abby's Flying Fairy School" at Speakeasy FX and she would always put so much charm into the show's characters. Her sensitivity and good timing would always shine when animating."

Cesar Tafoya, *Animator, SpeakeasyFX*; soncesar@hotmail.com

"Laura is by far the kindest and most gentile person I have met in the animation industry. We worked together at SpeakeasyFX on Abby's Flying Fairy School. She was one of the first people to welcome me to the team, which made my transition to the company a smooth one! Laura is a very educated and talented animator. She is extremely easy to work with, detail oriented and funny! Anyone would be lucky to have her as a part of their animation team!"

Kevin Worth, *Character Animator, SpeakeasyFX*; kevinpworth@gmail.com

"Aside from being a superb designer, Laura has the ability to size up a client's or project's needs and respond with spot-on creative. She is a pleasure to work with." Paul Chapman, *Exec VP, CVC*; paulc@com-pel.com

"Laura is a quality person who is always ready to contribute to the greater good of an organization. She served as the student lab coordinator for computer graphics at Purdue. I am proud that she is one of our outstanding program alumni."

Marvin Sarapin, *Professor & Head Computer Graphics Technology, Purdue University*; msarapin@purdue.edu

"I have known Laura since 2004 when she accompanied me to Poland to teach Computer Graphics Animation at the Resovia Technical Institute. Laura is an extremely mature and capable animator – able to communicate complex, technical processes clearly and at a level that beginners can understand. She was prepared on a daily basis with presentations, handouts and tasks for the students to accomplish. Professionally, Laura has gone on in the animation field, most recently working for an animation company that did the work for The Sesame Street Workshop presentation, "Abby's Flying Fairy School". I am quite impressed with Laura's abilities, her openness and willingness to share and collaborate. I would recommend Laura without reservations."

John Finnegan, *Associate Professor, Purdue University*; jcfinnegan@pub.iusb.edu

"Laura is hard working and dependable and kind. She impressed me with her enthusiasm for her chosen profession and her ability to handle responsibility. She has remained the same way since I was first lucky enough to have her in my teaching group, and it will carry her far."

Mike Flaherty, *Visiting Lecturer in Rzeszow, Poland (WSIZ), Purdue University*; flaherty.mike@gmail.com

"Laura is a talented artist and an extremely hard worker. In addition to being passionate about the job, she is easy to get along with and works well with other artists. She adds insights, takes feedback well, and brightens the entire group dynamic with her personality. I'd happily work with Laura again."

Will Kistler, *Student, Purdue University*; wkistler@gmail.com