

Taney Basinger

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Profile

National award-winning artist, currently pursuing a BFA in animation.

Education

Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro PA

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Media Arts, concentration in Animation, May 2026

Minors: Business and Metals

GPA: 3.85/4.00

Skills

Software: Dragonframe, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere Pro, Microsoft 365, ToonBoom Harmony

Technical: Principles of animation, animation/film history, file server workflow, metalworking, character animation, fabrication

Creative Projects

Teacher, Scottdale Public Library "Stop Motion Animation Workshop" July 2022, 2023

- Created an informational and interactive workshop for tweens and teens interested in stop motion animation
- Provided individual consultation with each student to create a short original character-based animation using the IStopMotion app

Team Leader, "Untitled" October 2023

- Led a team of 5 students to write, animate, and edit a stop motion short film in 24 hours
- Assembled team members with specialized skills to assist in the making of the film
- Based on an assigned prompt to explore animation as an artform, this film follows a young woman who goes on a journey inside her television

Team Leader, "Poisonous Progress" October 2022

- Based on an assigned prompt to imagine the world 100 years in the future, this film explores the negative effects of modern society on the environment and the power individuals hold to inspire change
- 53rd globally ranked film for the "24 Hours Animation Contest" (2022)

Independent Film Creator, "The Fabric of Thought" October - December 2020

- Directed, wrote, fabricated, and animated a stop motion short film exploring the insecurities and pressures a high school girl experiences surrounding appearance
- Fabricated puppet, costumes, set, and props inspired by the art style of studios such as Laika and Disney
- National Gold Medalist winner of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in "Film and Animation" (2021)
- Regional Gold Key winner of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in "Film and Animation" (2021)

Work Experience

Community Assistant - PennWest University, Edinboro PA, August 2023 - Present

- Practice problem-solving skills by conducting roommate conflict meetings and completing summary reports

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- Foster community among approximately 35 first-year residents living in the residence hall
- Maintain excellent communication with the other student staff and professional staff
- Coordinate and host both solo and collaborative events such as “Academic Success Coffee Talk”
- Develop creative bulletin boards and hall decorations
- Practice time-management skills by participating in scheduled desk duties and on-call shifts
- Report all facilities issues in the building through the proper channels and track outcome

Learning, Engagement, and Partnerships Team Intern - Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg PA, June - August 2023

- Conduct visitor studies by measuring time spent looking at artwork to help inform future programming
- Participate in office communication via Outlook and create Excel spreadsheets for tracking event sign-ups
- Assist in coordination and hosting of summer events such as children's art camps and a Pride Prom celebration
- Prep materials for interactive crafts and education
- Assist public and private tours

Intern - Scottdale Public Library, Scottdale PA, June - August 2020, 2022

- Communicate efficiently with the public by answering phone calls and managing front desk
- Create educational video materials and assist children’s programming
- Perform general cleaning and maintenance