

# MELISSA GODUTO

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ANIMATOR AND DESIGNER

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## QUALIFICATIONS

### Specialized Skills/ Coursework:

Experience with traditional drawing and painting media, digital art, 3D design and sculpture, illustration, traditional animation, 2D computer animation, 3D computer animation, life drawing, storyboarding, video production, linear and nonlinear video editing, film and television scriptwriting, HTML, web design, art/film/animation/music history, audio production and editing, and music performance and theory

### Software Knowledge:

Extensive experience with Windows PC, Mac OS Classic and OSX, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, Finale 2000, Lightwave 3D, Macromedia Director, Macromedia Flash, Media 100

Experience with Adobe After Effects, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Streamline, Bryce, GIF Construction Set Professional, NetBeans, ProTools

## EXPERIENCE

### Animator, Kalamazoo Animation Festival International, Cartoon Challenge, 5/05

- Produced a 30-second public service announcement as part of an international animation competition
- Collaborated on a five-person team to conceptualize, write, design, and animate the PSA on an assigned topic
- Developed storyboards and animated characters/objects using Macromedia Flash and a Wacom tablet
- Met strict, four day production deadline

### Designer and Illustrator, Freelance, 1/05 – Present

- Created illustrations of humans in work situations and equipment for text *Audio Systems Technology, Level 1 (First Revision)* by John Loser
- Designed caricature for Grand Valley State University's High School Honors Band T-shirts
- Created all graphics, layout, and HTML code for website, Dayna's Jewelry Box (<http://www.daynasjewelrybox.com>)
- Created identity graphics for Reach out for Christ, Inc. Ministries

### Animator, Independent Production, 1/05 – 4/05

- Developed animated short, "Down on the Farm" from concept to final product
- Produced all animation, character design, editing, and sound design
- Composed original music
- Directed and collaborated with lyricist
- Created a video installation incorporating the animated short and 3-dimensional objects

### Teacher's Assistant 3D Animation, Grand Valley State University, 1/05 – 4/05

- Assisted students with in-class Lightwave 3D software tutorials
- Assisted students with projects during out-of-class time

### Animator and Web designer, Animated Presentations for Education, 4/04 - 7/04

- Designed and animated supportive animations in Macromedia Flash for undergraduate scientific study
- Collaborated directly with a client to develop content and design of animations
- Updated existing animations with new scientific information, using Macromedia Director
- Improved existing animations for Web distribution and converted them from Director projector files to Shockwave format
- Designed and coded Web sites to distribute animations, now used at multiple universities and high schools
- Created graphics in Adobe Photoshop for use in Director animations and on the Web

## EDUCATION

**Grand Valley State University**, Allendale, MI  
Bachelor of Arts, Film and Video, Animation emphasis  
Bachelor of Arts, Art and Design, Studio Art emphasis  
Minor in Music  
Graduation: 4/05, Cumulative GPA: 3.343

## ACTIVITIES

Grand Rapids Symphonic Band, member by audition, 2005  
Michigan Intercollegiate Honors Band, piccoloist, 2005  
GVSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble, member by audition, 1999-2005  
GVSU Marching Band, 1999-2003, Music Section Leader by audition, 2000-2002  
GVSU Pep Band, member by audition, 2001-2002

## HONORS

Dean's List three consecutive semesters  
Festival of the Arts, Third Place student animation category, *Down on the Farm*, 2005  
4D Time Arts Group Exhibition, Calder Gallery, *Down on the Farm* Video Installation, 2005  
GVSU Student Retrospective 2005, GVSU Art Gallery, chosen for *Down on the Farm*  
GVSU Film and Video Senior Show, selected for *Down on the Farm*, 2005  
Selected as part of five-person team for Kalamazoo Animation Festival International's 2005 Cartoon Challenge competition  
GVSU Film and Video Student Showcase, chosen for *The Frog Prince*, short animation, 2004  
GVSU Award for Excellence, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005  
Charlotte Gierst and Salome Egeler Music Scholarship, 1999  
Graduation with Honors from Eastwood High School, Pemberville, OH

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

6/02-8/02 **Sallock's Cookhouse**, Millbury, OH server  
6/00-8/00 **Cracker Barrel**, Perrysburg, OH, hostess  
1/00-5/00 **Copland Residence Hall**, GVSU, Desk Assistant

## REFERENCES

### **Caitlin Horsmon**

Former GVSU Professor of 3D animation, Assistant Professor of film/video at University of Missouri  
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### **Deanna Morse**

Professor of Film and Video Production, GVSU  
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### **Judith Kempth**

GVSU professor of flute, Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra piccoloist  
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### **Kim Roberts**

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