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Animation Gets Real Camp Returns to In-Person Classes this Summer!

*Media and photo opportunities available with advance notice.

For a video of a previous camp, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcBMJ5n3CE0>
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Like many other organizations who had to codeswitch to online programming during the height of the pandemic, Arts4All Florida's *Animation Gets Real Summer Camp* was hosted on Zoom the past two years. Now in its ninth year, we are ready to offer two of our three camp weeks in-person! Our full-day summer camp offers 90 students with autism and related disabilities a rich anime experience for teens who will develop computer animation and digital music making skills like none other. Our two in-person camps will be hosted in Tampa (June 6th - June 10th) and Miami (June 13th-17th). Our third session (June 20th-24th) will be reserved for our Intermediate/Advanced students and be hosted on Zoom. This last session of camp will open the possibility for our students outside Tampa and Miami to continue their Animation and Digital Music training.

Exposure to the arts can significantly help students on the autism spectrum explore their creative ideals and goals. *Animation Gets Real* (AGR) introduces students to digital animation and music creation, which can be the foundation for successful and self-supporting careers. Campers are welcomed into a small group learning environment geared just for them. The camp is taught by Dani Bowman (who herself has autism), founder and CEO of Powerlight Studios and Danimation Entertainment in Los Angeles, CA.

Ms. Bowman takes the students on a journey to learn the basic process of computer animation using ToonBoom and FlipaClip software. While the camp focuses on the digital skills of animation, significant time is spent on storyboarding, writing, and editing, as well as developing collaboration and social skills. "[A] was so proud of her work as well as the work of her peers. This boosted her confidence and has really encouraged her to have something to work towards in the future." - former camp parent

Dr. Clint Randles, Associate Professor of Music Education in the School of Music at USF, will also familiarize campers with digital music making and animation voice over techniques. Students will use a variety of iPad apps including Garage Band, Drums XD and Thumb Jam, as they create their original pieces.





“This experience was very special because it allowed my daughter to experiment with a new skill that she had no idea about. It provided so many learning opportunities beyond the scope of the class...Dani was inspirational, and my daughter was able to confirm that having autism does not mean that you are limited in what you can do...anything is possible.” - former camp parent

Camp dates for Tampa run from June 6th-10th. To register-

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6804299/2022-Animation-Gets-Real-Tampa-Registration>

Camp dates for Miami are from June 13th-17th and June 20th-24th. To register-

<https://www.miamidadearts.org/education/arts4all-florida-animation-gets-real-miami-summer-camp>

About Arts4All Florida:

Arts4All Florida provides, supports, and champions arts education and cultural experiences for and by people with disabilities. A private not-for-profit organization, Arts4All Florida conducts art education programs in schools, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and community centers; promotes the accomplishments of artists with disabilities through our artist registry, exhibitions, and performances; and increases access to the arts through professional development workshops. Arts4All Florida is headquartered in the College of Education at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

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