



This week, VSA Florida invites you to step into the world of digital art with us at **Animation Gets Real**. Campers will get to explore Anime and Digital Music creation in an environment geared to their abilities! It's a very special art camp designed just for students with Autism.

The animation classes this week will be taught by Artist, Dani Bowman! Ms. Bowman has Autism herself and is a testament to what wonderful talents individuals on the spectrum can share with the world. Her teaching curriculum was developed under the guidance of Joey Travolta,

the brother of John Travolta, and founder of Inclusion Films and Camps. In addition to teaching, Ms. Bowman also has her own studio, Powerlight Studios, and is the owner of Danimation in Los Angeles. She is visiting USF from California. It will be exciting to have her here with us for camp.



However, this camp isn't just about animation. It's also about music and Dr. Clint Randles from the USF College of Music will be spending his week with us to support our learning in music. He is an Associate Professor over in the College of Music and he is interested in creativity in music. Dr. Randles has taught many classes with VSA before and has even published a book chapter about students with disabilities making meaning through

music.

Throughout the week, with Ms. Bowman, we will learn how to use ToonBoom software to make our own animated characters. She will also help us learn about the significance of writing, storyboarding, and editing in the animation process. With Dr. Randles, we will be making music with iPads and forming iPad bands using common music making apps like Garage Band. He will also be helping students learn how to do voice-overs, a very important step in animation.

As the week progresses, keep an eye out for posts and updates on our Facebook Page at [https://www.facebook.com/pg/AnimationGetsReal/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/AnimationGetsReal/posts/?ref=page_internal). Check out the page this weekend to get a taste of some of the work students made at camp last year. This week we will also be piloting a blog so check back here at <http://vsafll.org/content/vsa-florida-art-camp-programs> throughout the week for updates on how camp is progressing. We can't wait to start making music and animating with you!