

# John R. Cummin (Jonathan Riles)

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## SKILLS/SOFTWARE

Sound + video + photo editing (Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Audition, Illustrator, Fresco, Davinci Resolve), stop-motion animation (Dragonframe), storyboarding (Toon Boom Storyboard Pro, Procreate), scriptwriting + prose writing (Final Draft, Celtx, Scrivener)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH** - *Lecturer ART3000 (Digital Imaging)*

- Presented beginner and advanced tutorials within Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Fresco
- Managed 20 students' progress regarding five class studio projects for an end-of semester-exhibition
- Led critique sessions; provided technical and conceptual feedback to students

JANUARY 2023 - MAY 2023

**Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH** - *Teaching Assistant FILM2100 (Narrative & Storyboard)*

- Instructed animatic, pitch presentation, and Storyboard Pro workshops that correlated with readings
- Graded film journal notebooks; provided additional feedback with student critiques

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2023

**Beeler Gallery, Columbus, OH** - *Graduate Assistant to the Director of Galleries*

- Designed Beeler Gallery's online exhibition archive within Squarespace
- Assisted with the installation and deinstallation of shows within Byers Gallery and the Canzani Center
- Facilitated press releases and created digital promotional projections for select shows

AUGUST 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

**Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH** - *Teaching Assistant CORE2210 (Video 1 Editing + Prod.)*

- Showcased advanced editing technique tutorials within Adobe Premiere Pro and After Effects
- Mentored students on how to apply for film festivals; taught FilmFreeway marketing strategies
- Graded studio projects and film analysis papers; managed attendance

MAY 2022 - AUGUST 2022

**Ohlinger Studios/Enlight Media, Columbus, OH/Louisville, KY** - *Intern*

- Assisted with designing a social media proposal for Ohlinger Studio's management team
- Co-edited promotional videos within Davinci Resolve's Black Magic Cloud Collaboration

JANUARY 2020 - APRIL 2020

**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** - *Cinematheque Projectionist*

- Created Microsoft Powerpoint presentations of film summaries and introduced visiting artists
- Showcased films with applicable audio/visual setups; led student discussions; managed attendance

AUGUST 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** - *Teaching Assistant CAR470 (Experimental Animation)*

- Taught Adobe Suite (Premiere Pro, Animate, After Effects) and practical animation workshops
- Accommodated students' needs by coordinating camera equipment/editing lab spaces

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## EDUCATION:

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2023

**Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH** - *Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts*

- GPA: 3.80, Summa Cum Laude, 4 Consecutive Semesters on the President's List
- Served as a member of the CCAD Graduate Advisory Board
- Co-curated winter exhibition featuring artworks created by the MFA candidates

AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2020

**Syracuse University, Syracuse NY** - *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film/Minor in Theatre*

- GPA: 3.83, Summa Cum Laude, 8 Consecutive Semesters on the Dean's List
- Studied Abroad - *SU Abroad: Italian Film Studies and Filmmaking in Bologna.*
- Served as a VPA Peer Mentor from 2017-2020

JANUARY 2019- MAY 2019

**FAMU International, Prague, Czech Republic** - *Certificate in 35mm Film Production*

- Co-wrote/co-produced/co-edited a 35mm short film
  - Traveled abroad to Germany and France in addition to the Czech Republic
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## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS/GRANTS:

- 2019 Logan Hocking School District Fine Arts Hall of Fame - Young Alumni Recognition Award
  - 2019 Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts - Bryan Buckley Film Production Grant
  - 2023 Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio: Young Hearts Color(s) of Love: Best of Show award and cash prize
  - 2023 KinoDrome International Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival - The Sallie Gardner Award
  - 2023 Greater Columbus Arts Council - Funds for Artists grant
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## FILM AWARDS/NOMINATIONS:

*The Amber Thief* (2021)

- 2021 Winner of Enterwine's Super Short Film Festival
- 2021 Best Short Animation - Hollywood International Golden Age Festival
- 2021 Best Sound Design of Animation Film - Garoa Awards Monthly Short Film Festival of São Paulo
- 2021 Best Video Art (Second Place) - AFRAID. Online Film Awards
- 2021 Best Animation - Fantastic Barcelona Film Festival
- 2021 Best Animation + Best Sound Design - Lion Film Festival
- 2021 Best Stop-Motion Animation - Cinema of the World International Film Festival
- 2021 Winner - Alt. Techniques (Ohio) - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival
- 2022 2nd Best Animation Film - Pambujan International Film Festival
- 2022 Honorable Mention - Origins Film Festival
- 2022 Finalist - International Fine Arts Film Festival
- 2022 Finalist - The Fear Faire Film Festival
- 2022 Finalist - Blue Shift Short Film Festival
- 2022 Nominee - Ohio Film Award - Nightmares Film Festival

*Ask the Super 8 Magic Ball* (2022)

- 2022 Honorable Mention - One Minute Film - Mister Vorky Film Festival
- 2022 Best Animation - Ultra Short Category - AltFF Alternative Film Festival
- 2022 Nominee - Animation / State of Ohio - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival

*Unrepoached* (2022)

- 2022 Best film (under 10 minutes) - Absurd Art House Film Festival
  - 2022 Finalist - Onyko Films Awards
  - 2022 Best Silent Film (3rd Place) - AFRAID. Online Film Awards
  - 2022 Winner - Alt. Techniques - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival
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PIIP CORN (2022)

- 2023 Finalist - Kansas City Underground Film Festival

Met(EYE)morphosis (2023)

- 2023 Early Invitation Official Selection (Oscar-Qualifying) - The American Documentary and Animation Film Festival and Film Fund (AmDocs)
  - 4th place micro experimental film - The International Horror Hotel Film Festival and Convention
  - 2023 Winner - ANIMATION/STOP MOTION | Professional - DigiFest Temecula 2023
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**ART SHOWS:**

- 2018 Group Exhibition, *Hope Springs Eternal: LHS Alumni*, The Piano Works Gallery, Logan, OH
  - 2019 Group Exhibition, *Film Society at Syracuse: Fall Showcase*, Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse, NY
  - 2020 Group Exhibition, *14th Palettes of Keuka*, Hammondsport Village Square, Hammondsport, NY
  - 2021 Group Exhibition, *2020/2021 ALC Video Art Festival*, MACA Contemporary Art Museum of Spain
  - 2021 Group Exhibition, *15th Palettes of Keuka*, Vine City Supply, Hammondsport, NY
  - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *GETAWAY*, Seventh Son Brewing Company, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Assembled Identities*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *CHROMA 2022: The best of CCAD*, DSB Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *16th Palettes of Keuka*, Urbana Town Hall, Urbana, NY
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Columbus Moving Image Art Review 51*, The Vanderelli Room, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Mural Remix Freestyle Event*, East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *934 Fest*, 934 Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *VERTIGO*, Cafe Bourbon Street, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Nexus*, Acock Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *The Bowen House Festival of Trees*, Logan, OH
  - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Elements*, Acock Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Group Exhibition, *Film Maudit 2.0*, Highways Performance Space and Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
  - 2023 Co-curator/Group Exhibition, *Transposition*, Byers Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Site-Specific Exhibition, *934 Gallery x Seventh Son: TEN, a Pop-Up Experience*, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Group Exhibition, *Young Hearts Color(s) of Love*, Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Group Exhibition, *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Alley Islands 2023*, Blockfort, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Group Exhibition, *CHROMA 2023: CCAD Film & Video Showcase*, Canzani Center, Columbus, OH
  - 2023 Co-curator/Group Exhibition, *Creative Practice in Community Context*, DSB Gallery, Columbus, OH
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**ARTIST TALKS/PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS**

- 2018 Video Editing Seminar | LHS Video Production & Aesthetics Class (Shelly Riggs)
  - 2021 Artist Talk: Animation and Video Art Portfolio | Syracuse University (Gail Hoffman)
  - 2021 TATVA 2021 Director's Speak (Instagram Live) | Rad Times Media (Deepak Sinha)
  - 2022 Lunch & Learn Talk: The Exciting World of Geocaching | Ohlinger Studios | (Jennifer Jacobson)
  - 2022 Nightmares Film Fest Ohio Film's Block Interview | Ohio 24/7 Now (Alex Caperton)
  - 2022 RASA AUR Drama Times: TATVA 2022 Interview | Rad Times Media (Akshinta Das)
  - 2023 A Beginner's Guide to FilmFreeway | Columbus College of Art & Design | (Kelsey Gray)
  - 2023 The Fundamentals of 2D and Stop-Motion Animation | Vertifilms Mexico (Hamlet Rubio)
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**INSTALLATIONS:** <https://www.shellusterstudios.com/jonathan-riles-installation-works/portfolio>

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**REEL:** <https://vimeo.com/741472400>

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