

Emma Lee Benson

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EDUCATION

California Institute of the Arts <i>Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film/Video</i>	2022
Larchmont Charter School <i>Honor Roll Graduate</i>	2018
UCLA Film & Television Summer Institute <i>Certificate Program</i>	2017

SHOWCASED WORKS

- **Into The Doghouse** – CalArts Film/Video Showcase 2023 at REDCAT (Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater)
- **Moe and Mel: Too Many Mouths to Feed** – Long Story Shorts Official Selection, Serbest International Film Festival (SIFF), Lift Off Global Network Film Festival & Los Angeles Animation Festival
- **Two Photography Portraits** – featured in Carter Sexton portrait art show

WORK EXPERIENCE

DOLLS KILL, Fairfax Ave Front-end retail worker, seasonal position: Handled online orders, in-store pick up, the cash register, and assisted customers with finding footwear and clothes, the fitting room and back of house stock.	2023
PAPER SOURCE, Beverly Hills Front-end retail worker, seasonal position: Managed in-store product organization, back stock, general customer assistance and served as a cashier.	2023
PHOTOGRAPHER, Freelance Behind-the-scenes photographer and videographer for an upcoming film production by Brandy Studios.	2023
THEATER CREW MEMBER Head of theater run crew on sold-out shows 'Acts of Afra' at California Institute of the Arts and Non Plus Ultra, and 'Contribution Pageant' at the Elysian Theater.	2023
ILLUSTRATOR, Freelance Created hand-drawn illustrations for Jennifer Reese's story titled 'The Badger and the Hummingbird'	2023
LANKERSHIM ARTS CENTER THEATER, North Hollywood House Manager: Coordinated house staff for over a dozen public performances, greeted customers into the space, ensured compliance with pandemic safety guidelines, and managed set-up before and break-down after each event.	2022
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS Film/Video Equipment Storeroom Assistant: Organized and dispensed professional grade equipment to the students of the CalArts Film/Video and Animation schools.	2022

HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL

2022

Manager and Actor: Set up lighting, managed props and costumes, and performed in five showings.

LAB INC., Brain Harner AIA

2020

Video Artist: Created animated short for the "Underground Film Challenge" to help revitalize a unique, underground shopping mall in Arlington, VA.

VOICEOVER ARTIST, Freelance

2019-22

Voice Actor: Performed six different characters for audio book 'Stone's Throw,' directed by Roger Rittner.

Voice Actor: Performed in the short film "There's A Party and Everyones Invited," by Arius Ziaee, which was selected for multiple film festivals.

PRODUCERS GUILD OF AMERICA

2017

Production Prop & Lighting Assistant: "Magnetic Players," a short film competition finalist.

ACTOR

2014-20

Lead Actor: Performed the lead role for an unaired TV commercial for a major electronics company, directed by an Academy Award-winning filmmaker.

Actor: "She Mad," a film written and directed by Martine Syms, artist, critic and CalArts faculty. The film was installed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and Bergen Kunsthall Art Gallery in Stockholm, Sweden.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Software Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Procreate, Pro Tools, Dragonframe, Toon Boom Animation, Vegas Pro, iStopMotion, TVPaint

Equipment RED Camera, Sony Camera A7 II, Canon XC15, Spectra Digital Meter, TV LED Kit, Bolex Camera, Sekonic Analog Meter, LED Cam Light, Zoom Digital Audio Recorder

Training FilmSkills Safety Training, Lighting Design, Boom Operator

References available upon request.