

# Benjamin T. (Benny) Anderson

New Orleans, LA

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*I am a sculptor of Mardi Gras floats in New Orleans for The Royal Artists. I graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design in June 2022 as a sculpture major. I was born in Mexico, grew up in Istanbul, Jerusalem, Paris, and Washington DC, and travelled extensively in my youth. Those experiences fueled my love of art and creative passion.*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Royal Artists

Sculptor creating and refurbishing large (6-10 feet) papier-mâché figurehead statues for the fronts of Mardi Gras parade floats. Works can be viewed at [Bennyandersonart.com](http://Bennyandersonart.com).

New Orleans, LA  
Spring 2022-  
Present

- Principal sculptor for the Krewe of Proteus, New Orleans's second oldest parading Krewe, whose 2024 parade was themed around Italy's Commedia Dell'Arte.
- Currently sculpting figureheads for Rex, New Orleans's most celebrated Krewe, for Mardi Gras 2025. Those floats will not be public until the parade rolls in March 2025.

### Freelance Artist

Independent sculptor, jeweler, mask-maker, costume designer, and doll-maker. Works have been exhibited in New Orleans at Leroy's Place Gallery, Cherry Coffee, King Pin/Fly Right Market, The Bead Shop, Parcels Post and other festivals and venues.

2022-present

### New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival

Instructor. Demonstrated mask and costume making to showcase carnival art.

New Orleans, LA  
Summer 2023-4

### Artworks Fine Art Studio

Assistant Counselor. Taught drawing principles to kids ages 6-12.

Bethesda, MD  
Summer 2023

### Rhode Island School of Design

Teaching Assistant. Taught first year students the principals of spatial dynamics and conceptual art.

Providence, RI  
Fall 2021

### St. Andrews Episcopal School

Teaching Assistant. Helped with on-line instruction of high school art students during COVID.

Potomac, MD  
Summer 2020

### Smithsonian Institution Summer Camp

Youth Training Assistant. Voted Top Counselor by students and staff.

Washington, DC  
2015-2016

## EDUCATION

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### Rhode Island School of Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Sculpture

Providence, RI  
June 2022

- Awarded Trophy & Journal prize as a top sculptor in the graduating class.
- Four years training and study in core artistic disciplines including drawing, design, art history, and spatial dynamics.
- Senior year focus on Sculptural Practices through costume, masks and performance.
- Senior Thesis: Created a group of four large-scale creatures representing different stages of the COVID experience (Fury, Sorrow, Elation, and Comfort) and exhibited them at RISD's Woods-Gerry Gallery.
- GPA: 3.571

### St. Andrews Episcopal School

High School Diploma

Potomac, MD  
June 2018

- Richard Clem Boyd Art Award – Outstanding artist in the graduating class.

## ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS/SKILLS

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Leader of RISD Improv Club

2020-2022

Fluent in French