

# RACING THE SUNSET

## *Press Kit*

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# *Logline*

A young traceur makes a desperate parkour rush through the city to make it to his date on time.

# *Synopsis*

Eric Lamar, an adventurous thrill-seeker, enjoys his day by watching the sun set over the city from the top of a building. After receiving a text from his girlfriend, Michelle Mackenzie, he realizes that he lost track of time and has a date in less than thirty minutes. Determined to meet with her on time, he makes a race through the city to get back to his place and to his rendezvous before the sun sets. The film embraces a comic book style utilizing visual elements such as split screen, action words, and comic-style layouts.



# *Technical Specifications*

**Production Location:** Savannah College of Art and Design (Savannah, GA, USA)

**Completion Date:** May 2018

**Genre:** Animation, Action, Comedy, Romance

**Animation Technique:** Traditional 2D Animation

**Run time:** 4 minutes, 2 seconds

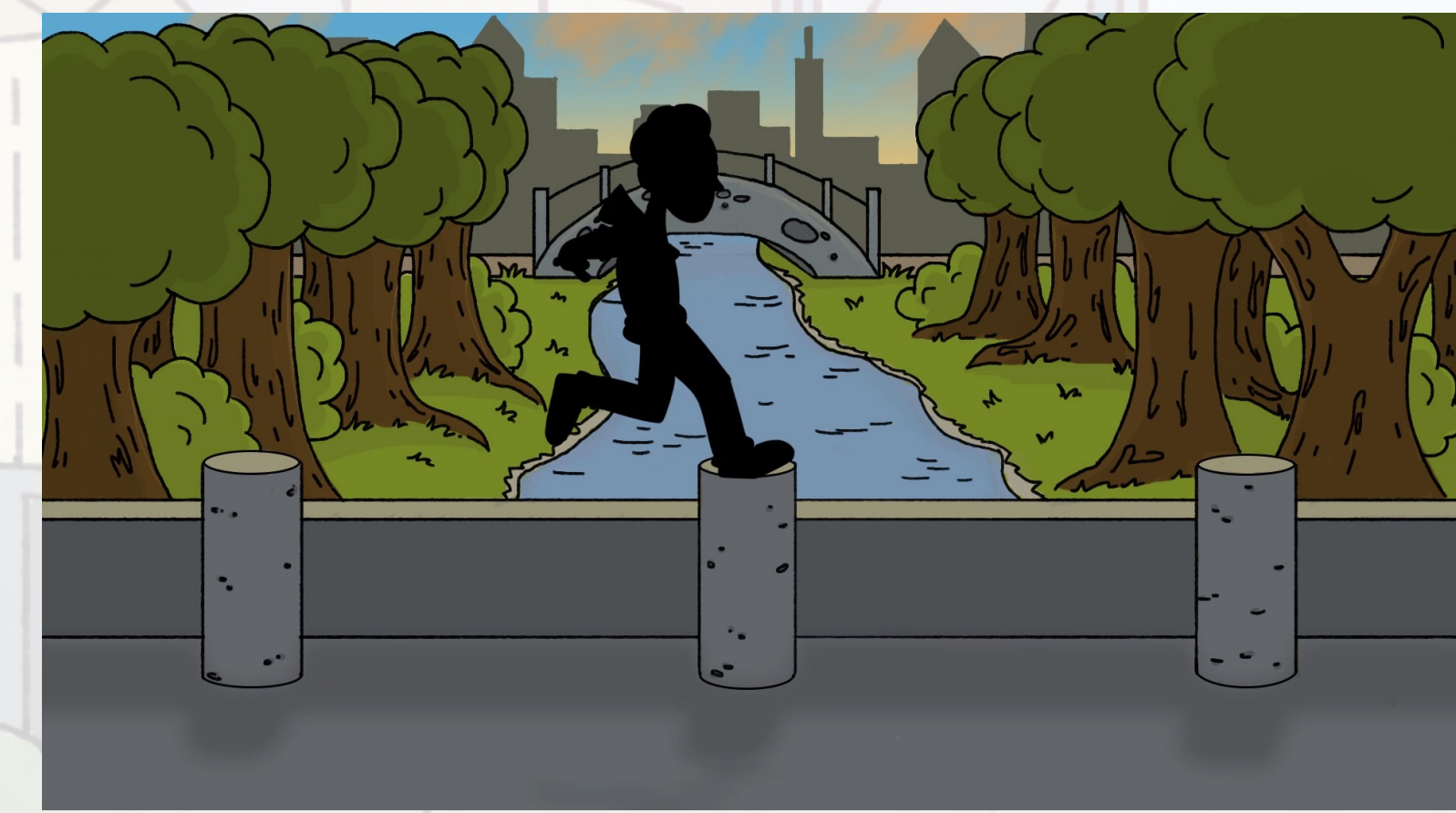
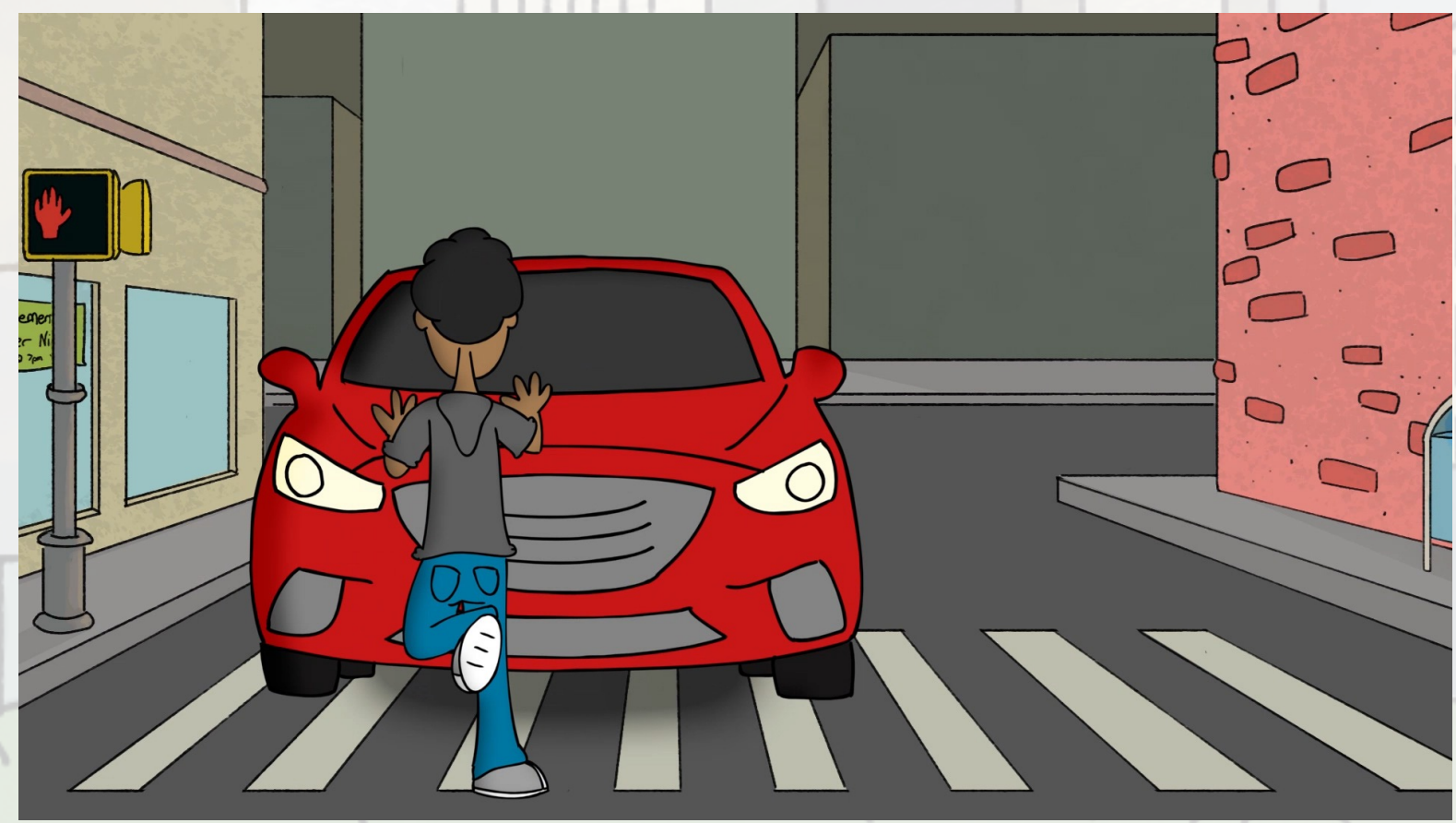
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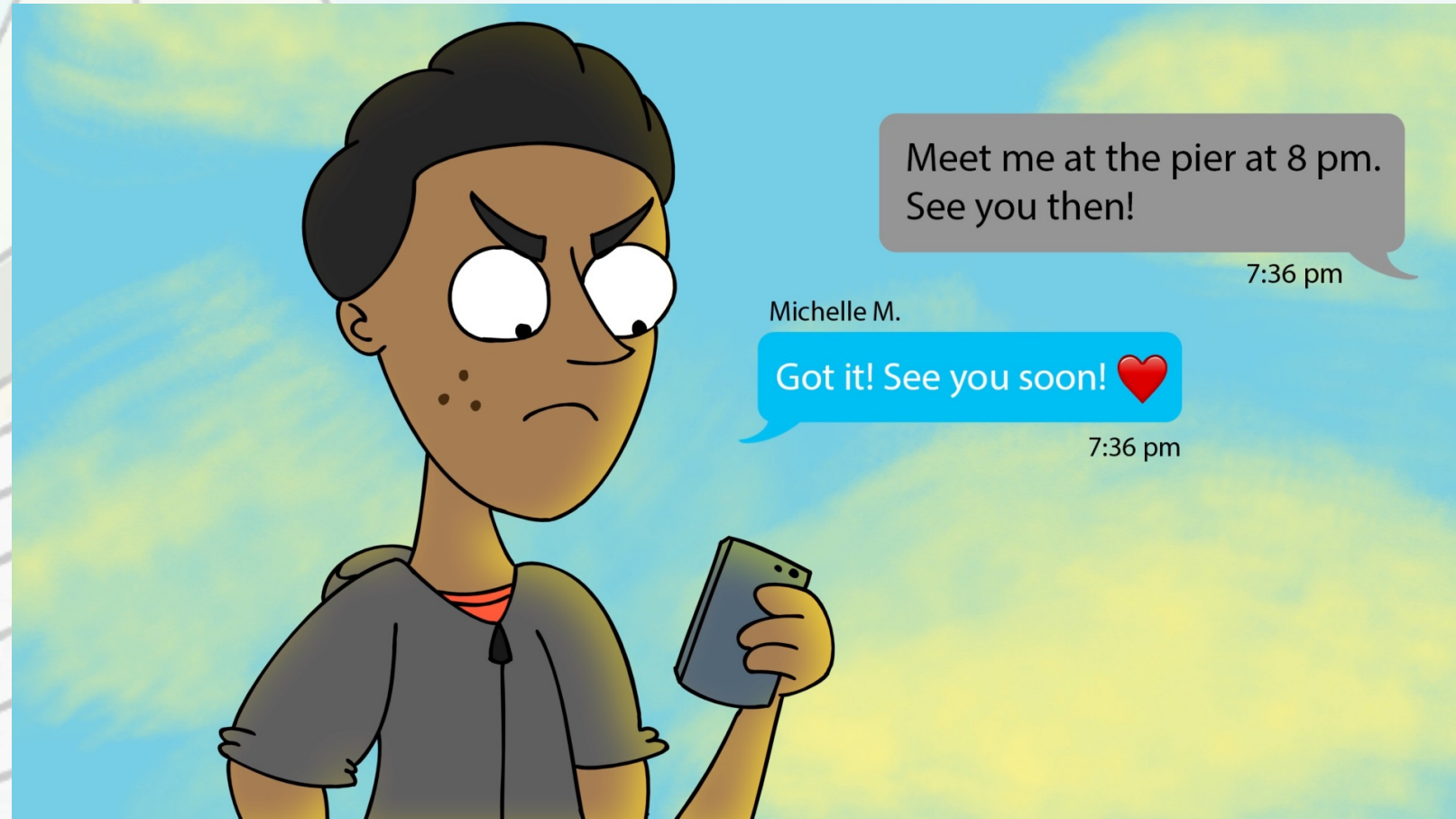
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# Director's Bio



Nikolas "Nick" Smith is a 2D animator and storyboard artist from Atlanta, Georgia. He has recently earned his B.F.A. degree in Animation from Savannah College of Art in Design in Spring 2018. Having worked on over eight different animated productions and short films throughout his time at SCAD, he is well-rounded in every aspect of the animation pipeline.

Since early childhood, Nikolas has watched all sorts of cartoons and animated shows. After growing up and watching almost every animated TV show and movie as a kid, he decided to pursue a career in animation. Nikolas seeks to one day help create exciting, humorous, and memorable stories through the medium of animation to impact the lives and childhoods of others in the same way he was. *Racing the Sunset* is a short film that he hopes will entertain people of all ages and inspire them to appreciate the art of animation.

# Production Photos



Half of the *Racing the Sunset* Production Crew



Shanae Roberts, Composer

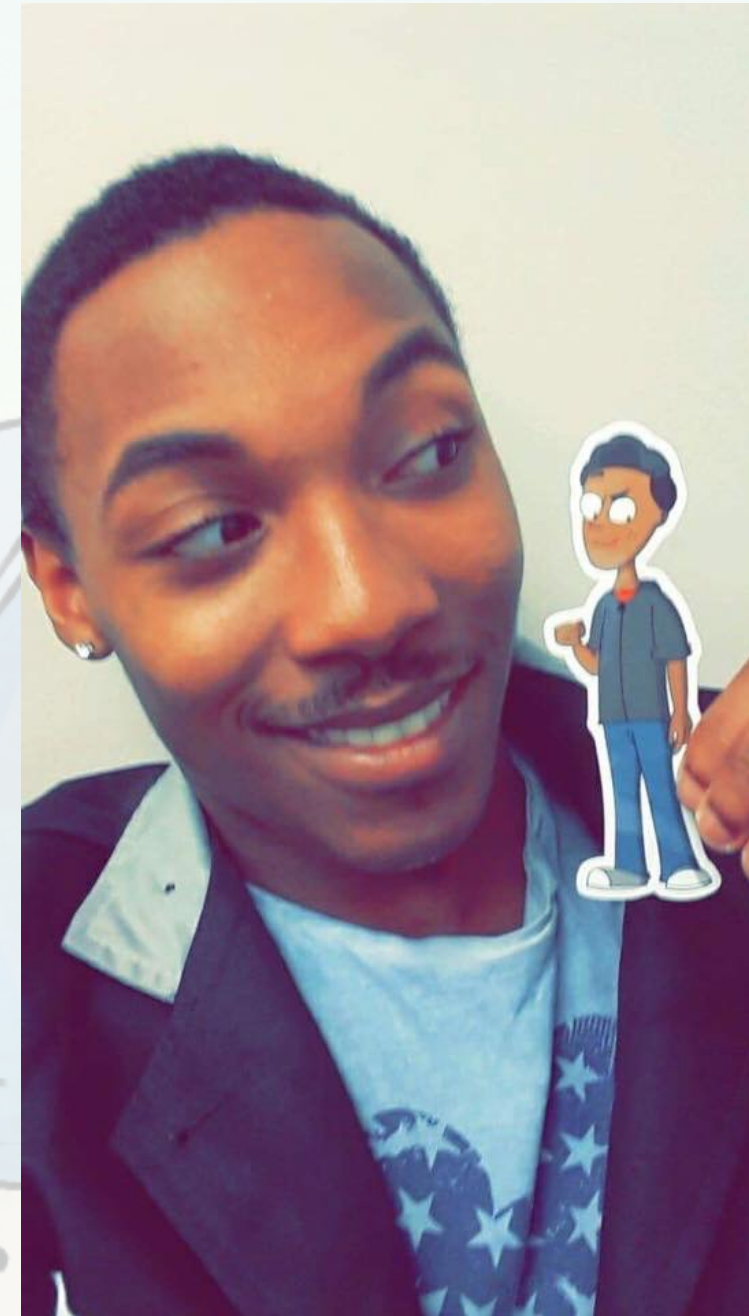


Left: Corbin Bumeter, Sound Supervisor  
Right: Ashton Faydenko, Sound Mixer

# *The Voices*



Darius Johnson as *Eric*



Kaylyn Bosh as *Michelle*





# *Credits*

## **Director**

Nikolas Smith

## **Producer**

Angela K. Johnson

## **Concept and Storyboard Artist**

Nikolas Smith

## **Color Script Artists**

Nikolas Smith

Elena Sanchez

## **Character Animators**

Nikolas Smith

Leon Barnes

Meghan Molony

Guansong Duan

Cannon Cooper

Kelsey Hawkinson

Madison Fullmer

Megan DeMarco

Austin Rethwisch

Maggie Kisor

Alex Artecona

Adenike Folorunso

## **Effects Animators**

Justine Grato

Sam Beveridge

Mariela Figueroa

## **Clean-up Animators**

Nikolas Smith

Cordero Johnson

Adenike Folorunso

Bre Smith

Kelsey Hawkinson

Madison Fullmer

Austin Rethwisch

Leon Barnes

# Credits

## Cast

Darius Johnson - *Eric*

Kaylyn Bosh - *Michelle*

Henry Harrison - *Brock*

## Layout Designers

Nikolas Smith

Cameron Cummings

Bre Smith

Donald Sutton

## Layout Colorists

Nikolas Smith

Kamilah Keeton

Paul Phan

Brit Pease

## Sound Supervisor & Lead Foley Artist

Corbin Bumeter

## Additional Foley Artists

Sam Rodriguez Irurzo

JJ Querubin

Cameron Gallacher

## Sound Mixer

Ashton Faydenko

## Composer

Shanae Roberts

## Faculty Advisers

Matthew Brett Rutland

Tim Pattinson

Adriana Garcia

## Special Thanks

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Family & friends

The Porch

City of Atlanta

A stylized, hand-drawn illustration of a city skyline. The buildings are rendered in various shades of grey, blue, and yellow, with simple outlines and some window patterns. The sky is a light, pale blue. In the foreground, there are green bushes and a light blue body of water with small, wavy lines representing ripples.

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