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2D ANIMATOR & VISUAL DESIGNER

2D Animator with a BFA in Experimental Animation from OCAD University, specializing in hand-drawn and rigged animation. Trained at Vancouver Film School and Gobelins, Paris, with experience taking projects from storyboarding through animation and final compositing using both traditional and digital workflows. Skilled in Toon Boom Harmony, After Effects, and experimental animation techniques, with additional experience in social media design and short-form content. Combines strong storytelling, visual experimentation, and practical production skills to bring ideas to life.

SKILLS

Animation & Story: Hand-drawn 2D animation, oil painting, digital painting, pixel art, character rigging, storyboarding, layout, timing & acting for animation, paint-on-glass, mixed-media/experimental technique, background painting

Software: Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, TVPaint, Adobe Animate, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Procreate, Maya, Blender, InDesign, Google Suite

Production: Content scheduling & asset organization, cross-team coordination, teaching, deadline management, effective communication skills, digital pipeline familiarity

Languages: English, French, Turkish

INDEPENDENT & ACADEMIC ANIMATION PROJECTS

Sinkhole | OCAD University — Thesis Film | 2025 – 2026

2D hand-drawn short film, sole animator/director

- Wrote, directed, and hand-animated a short film exploring homelessness and invisibility, inspired by a real encounter in Toronto.
- Managed the full pipeline solo: storyboard, layout, animation, and compositing on a fixed exhibition deadline.

Backlash | Vancouver Film School — Exchange Production | 2024 – 2025

2D animated short film, Toon Boom Harmony

- Animated a character-driven short examining suppressed emotion, built entirely in Toon Boom Harmony.
- Refined acting, timing, and rigged-character workflow under industry-mentor feedback; received the Most Improved Student Award for the cohort.

Animated Opening Sequence | Independent — Live-Action Short Film | June 2024

2D hand-drawn animation for live-action title sequence

- Designed and animated a hand-drawn opening sequence for a live-action short, blending 2D animation with cinematic composition and pacing.

Character Animation Intensive | Gobelins School | June – July 2025

Certificate program

- Intensive study in gesture, character emotion, and narrative timing under working industry animators.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2D Animator (Freelance) & Production Assistant | Toronto, ON | April 2026 – June 2026

- Supported production tasks including scheduling, asset organization, and file management for an independent animation project
- Animated 2D hand-drawn sequences and assisted with revisions based on director feedback
- Collaborated with a small team to meet production deadlines

2D Animator (Freelance) | Toronto, ON | *January 2026 – June 2026*

- Created 2D hand-drawn animation, character rigging, and motion graphics for independent client projects
- Used After Effects for visual animation, compositing, and motion design
- Worked across the full animation pipeline, from rough animation to final polish

2D Animator (Freelance) | Istanbul, Turkey | *June 2025 – September 2025*

- Animated character scenes for an independent short film, using hand-drawn 2D animation techniques to convey timing, weight, and emotion
- Collaborated remotely with the director to meet shot deadlines and maintain visual consistency across the film

Social Media Manager & Content Production Coordinator | Private Orthopedic Surgery Clinic | *Mar 2024 – Jun 2026*

- Planned and produced graphics, reels, and short-form video content on a consistent publishing schedule.
- Coordinated deliverables across a small creative team, keeping content production on schedule.
- Managed patient-facing inquiries and organized a full digital asset library.

Content Designer, Press | Panthéon-Assas University — LL.M. AWARDS Arbitration Society | *Jun – Jul 2025*

- Documented live events for the Arbitration Society's press team and produced visual recap content.

Graphic and Content Designer | Muftuoglu Law Office | *Oct 2021 – Jun 2025*

- Designed custom visual campaigns for firm communications and social platforms over a multi-year engagement.

Freelance — Videographer & Photographer | Cultural Events | *Oct 2024*

- Filmed and edited coverage of two cultural events, capturing performance and atmosphere for organizer use.

Freelance — Press, Symposium Coverage | Volunteer Press | *Feb 2024*

- Photographed and documented academic symposiums, producing short visual recaps.

Social Media Content Designer / Editor / English - Turkish Translator | Shayra Medikal Sag. Tic. Ltd. Sti. | *Jan 2021 – Aug 2022*

- Built and grew a specialized Instagram presence with agency partners; handled English–Turkish translation.

EDUCATION

BFA, Experimental Animation | OCAD University | *Sep 2022 – Apr 2026*

- Graduated with Distinction.
- Focused on experimental filmmaking and animation across mixed techniques — paint-on-glass, 2D hand-drawn, 3D, and compositing.
- Worked across VR/XR and mixed-media projects; studied coding for interactive art.
- Exhibited work in three consecutive Year-End Student Exhibitions.

Classical Animation, Diploma (Exchange) | Vancouver Film School | *Apr 2024 – Apr 2025*

- Intensive one-year program in storyboarding, layout, character design, and acting, with hands-on professional production experience.
- Received the Most Improved Student Award.

Summer School in Character Animation, Certificate | Gobelins School | *Jun – Jul 2025*

- Intensive program focused on gesture, character emotion, and narrative timing, working closely with active industry professionals.

Pre-Animation & Illustration, Ontario College Certificate | Algonquin College | *Jan – Aug 2021*

- Life drawing, character design, digital painting, layout, and background design.
- Graduated on the Dean's Honours List.

CERTIFICATIONS & HONOURS

- Most Improved Student Award — Vancouver Film School, 2024/2025
- Dean's Honours List — OCAD University, 2022/2023
- Dean's Honours List — Algonquin College, Spring 2021
- The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award — Incek Okyanus Anadolu Lisesi