



SASKIA HANSEN

I am a 2D digital artist specialising in character design and concept art, with additional expertise in background design and 2D hand-drawn animation. My sense of aesthetics is distinctly vibrant, highly detailed, and characterised by explosive colour palettes and visually appealing character designs

that make the most of engaging shape language. I deeply enjoy imbuing characters with life and a tangible sense of personality and am also capable of adapting my art style to seamlessly suit vastly different aesthetics. My animation style is fluid yet incredibly precise, with heavy emphasis on nuanced character acting and dynamic, expressive movements. I am an individual driven by a keen, passionate creativity with highly perfectionistic standards for my own work, as well as a focused, single-minded work ethic. I am personable, approachable, and eager to foster friendly working relationships, no matter the team or the project.

Key Skills

- > Character and background design
- > Style matching for animation
- > Logo design
- > Creating fluid and textured 2D animations
- > Generating high quality vector assets for 2D animation
- > Creating storyboards and animatics for professional client briefs
- > Creating short films, both as an individual as part of a larger production team
- > Confident conversational French and German speaking
- > Operating within typical animation pipelines
- > Meeting strict deadlines
- > Working well in small yet passionate team settings
- > Providing detailed artistic and professional feedback for junior artists
- > Actively taking part in team brainstorm for narrative and character concepts
- > Writing with a skilled and confident prose and grammar

Work History

Freelance Illustrator and 2D Animator

01/2017 to Current

- > Created quality bespoke digital illustrations and 2D animations for various clients across social media platforms
- > Designed logos and marketing materials for brands such as London Feeding Therapy and music acts such as Panic Bear and the Ambrassadors
- > Worked with music artists under the Monstercat label to produce album covers and animated visualisers
- > Worked with the Pauline Quirke Academy to create various marketing materials for prospective students and parents
- > Worked collaboratively with clients, providing quotations, timelines and appropriate edits where necessary
- > Sold physical wares at art markets across the country

Oliver Bonas, Guildford - Retail Assistant

11/2023 to Current

- > Worked creatively alongside the visual merchandising team to optimise floor and window displays and maximise product turnover
- > Maintained excellent visual standards across store displays in line with company visual merchandising standards
- > Developed excellent time management, teamwork and sales abilities, with an emphasis on high-pressure multitasking during peak season
- > Adopted additional keyholder responsibilities, charged with opening and closing the store, operating alarm systems and supervising junior staff

KingBee Animation, Hertfordshire - Senior Designer

03/2022 to 03/2025

- > Produced high-quality location, character, and logo designs for an array of clients and briefs
- > Filled in additional sound design, editing, and storyboarding roles when needed
- > Worked in a small yet diverse team of passionate creatives, frequently partaking in conceptualisation sessions to produce narrative and design ideas
- > Interacted with clients daily, attending major pitch meetings as a representative for the company's design team
- > Mentored junior artists in their internships, providing them with carefully considered feedback and instruction

Software

Clip Studio Paint Advanced	Adobe Audition Intermediate
Procreate Advanced	TV Paint Intermediate
Adobe Photoshop Advanced	Microsoft Office Suite Intermediate
Adobe Illustrator Advanced	Blender Intermediate
Adobe Premiere Advanced	Toonboom Harmony Novice
Adobe After Effects Advanced	Autodesk Maya Fundamental Awareness
Adobe Animate Advanced	

Education

University for the Creative Arts, Farnham - Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Animation, First Class
09/2018 to 05/2021

Alton Convent School - English Literature (A*), Philosophy (A*), German (A), French (A)
09/2008 to 06/2015

Awards

Screenfest: National Student Film Festival - Best Character Animation
2021

Heroes Film Festival - Best International Graduation Film
2021

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