

MELEK HITCH-TURKMEN



Animator & 2D Artist

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Toon Boom Harmony, TVPaint, Clip Studio Paint, Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Procreate, Microsoft Office Suite, RoughAnimator

EXPERIENCE

Studio Tristious – Freelance 2D Animator & Clean Up Artist (JUNE 2024 – PRESENT)

- Producing animation and clean up for an unreleased music video project, directed by Tristan Zammit
- Storyboarding and conceptualising ideas for animated tour visuals, considering various screen layouts

Wrong Horse Productions - 'OTAY' Short Film – 2D Animator (DEC 2023 – MARCH 2024)

- Produced rough animation, tiedown and lighting keys for a 30-second short film trailer, responding to feedback from the director and producer
- Designed character model sheets and turnarounds
- Worked remotely and managed time effectively to meet production schedules

De Luz - 'Lantern' Short Film – 2D Animator (OCT 2023 – DEC 2023)

- Created rough character animation for a dark short film trailer based on director's guidance
- Redesigned character model sheets and turnarounds

Big Squid Ink - 'Middle Watch' Animated Short Film – 2D Character Animator (NOV 2021 – FEB 2022)

- Produced character animation for the BAFTA-nominated short film based on instruction and materials from the director and lead animator
- Collaborated with a team of 80+ artists under director John Stevenson, director of 'Kung Fu Panda', and producers Aiesha Penwarden and Giles Healy, producer of 'Moshi Monsters The Movie'
- Attended weekly production meetings with lead animator and responded to critique and feedback

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

'Knife Point' Student Film – Producer, Animator, Clean Up Artist & Character Designer (OCT 2022 – JUN 2023)

- Managed a team of 8 students to produce a 3-minute animated short film
- Animated characters from roughs to clean up, colour and compositing, adhering closely to model sheets and instruction from the director
- Created schedules and tracking material to aid in the development and organisation of the film
- Assisted in character design and visual development of the main characters

'Heartwood' Student Film – Clean Up Artist (JUN 2021 – JUL 2021)

- Cleaned up, coloured and composited animation, referencing guides and production materials
- Regularly communicated with directors for critique & feedback

EDUCATION

Arts University Bournemouth (OCT 2020 – JUL 2023)

BA (Hons) Animation Production - First Class Honours

Hills Road Sixth Form College (2016 – 2018)

A-Levels – Art & Design (A*), Maths (A*), Computer Science (A), Further Maths (B)