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Personal Statement

I am a freelance 2D animator and illustrator based in Nottingham, having recently graduated with an MA in Animation from Nottingham Trent University. My passion is in developing unique concepts in order to visually communicate ideas of human interest or the human experience that have the capacity to leave a significant impact on the viewer. Involving fantasy elements and whimsical use of colour is a particular signature of my work. I also run my own business called "SPACE CHILD", selling my art as prints, stickers, charms, and pins.

Experience

Future You Business Start-Up Intern

Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

August – September 2021

I was chosen for a place on the freelancer and business start-up internship scheme, to progress and develop my small business with the support and guidance of the enterprise team.

Level Designer

Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

March 2021

I participated in the Great Spring Game Jam, helping recruit a team and producing a game on the theme of "spring" called Starduster. I designed the layout and background for the level.

Freelance Artist

Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

Current

I run an online shop called Space Child, where I sell stickers, art prints and other products, managing all areas of design, marketing, sales, and fulfilment.

Warehouse processing and packing

Northampton, Northamptonshire

11th June - 24th August

I was trained in all departments of the warehouse, but was trusted to work with express orders, inter-warehouse shipments, and international orders, due to the efficiency of my work and ability to problem solve.

Education

MA Animation

(September 2020 – 2021)

Nottingham Trent University

Ba Hons Animation

(September 2017 – 2020)

Nottingham Trent University

Key Skills

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Photoshop
- TVPaint
- Character animation
- Conceptual illustration
- Concept development
- Story Writing

Hobbies & Interests

I am a passionate activist for the LGBT+ community and was recently made an ambassador for beauty brand Glow Hub's "Glow your way" campaign, championing diversity, inclusivity, and individuality. As part of the campaign, I became one of the faces of their brand, and was able to use their platform to speak about trans identity and issues.

For the past three years I have met weekly with friends (in real life or online) to play Dungeons & Dragons, something which I can say has vastly increased my self-confidence and developed my problem-solving skills. I have run a campaign for close friends, requiring improvisation skills to fill the world the players find themselves occupying.

My other interests include fashion and styling, indoor plants (which I own a substantial number of), animals, and a casual interest in theology, philosophy, and spirituality.

References

References are available upon request.