

GEMMA J. ROBERTS – 2D ANIMATOR, ILLUSTRATOR, STORY ARTIST – CV

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I am a freelance UK animation professional and have been working as a storyboard artist and 2D animator for over 3 years. My talents lie in 2D animation, illustration, storyboarding and character design. I am self-driven with an attention to detail and love to work as a part of a team to exchange ideas as, to quote legendary painter John Howe, “Imagination does not function in a vacuum”.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

2015

Factory Create – Storyboard Artist on *Scream Street* May – Present

Storyboard Artist on a new stop-motion 52 x 11' series *Scream Street* for Factory Create, working on complete episodes in Toonboom Storyboard Pro 4.

***Dark Signal* (2015) – 2D Animator May – July**

2D Animator and Designer on a 30-second fully animated sequence in TVPaint for the feature film *Dark Signal* (2015). I oversaw the animation from concept to screen with the film's Director.

HiT Entertainment – Storyboard Artist on *Little People* Dec – Apr

Storyboard Artist on a new 52 x 11' children's series *Little People* (2015) for HiT Entertainment, working on complete episodes in Toonboom Storyboard Pro 4.

***Simon's Cat* – 2D Animator on *Off to the Vet* Feb**

Animated a sequence on '*Off to the Vet*', the new 11-minute colour film from *Simon's Cat* (the YouTube.com sensation), using TVPaint 10.5.

2014

***Horrid Henry* (2014) – Season 4 Storyboard Artist Jun – Aug**

Cleaning up storyboards in Toonboom Storyboard Pro 4 with Richard Villeneuve for director Dave Unwin from Spider-Eye Productions.

UK Commission for Employment and Skills Promo Animation Mar – Apr

Commissioned to produce, animate and direct a one-minute promotional video for UKCES, from concept to screen. *View Animation here: www.vimeo.com/91432948*

Tandem Films – Senior Story Artist on *Bing* (2014) Apr '13 – Feb '14

Story Artist drawing in Adobe Flash for a new children's 78 x 7' series *Bing* for CBeebies. I worked drawing characters in storyboard poses on top of CG environments to be edited into animatics. **Promoted to 'Senior Story Artist' in November 2013.**

2013

Tandem Films – *Boost Buddy* – 2D Animator Mar – Apr

Freelance 2D Adobe Flash Animator for a commercial for *Boost Buddy*. I worked closely with the Director to animate additional characters and also doing clean-up assisting and shading.

2012

Lupus Films - *The Snowman and the Snowdog* (2012) Jul – Oct

In-house Runner, Line Tester and Rendering Department for Channel 4's sequel to *The Snowman* (1982), *The Snowman and the Snowdog* (2012). I tested hand drawn animation under a camera to check continuity before scenes were scanned. I then joined the rendering department hand colouring the completed animation on paper with coloured pencils.

2011

Beryl Productions – 2D Animator May – Jun

3 days work experience at Joanna Quinn's studio in Cardiff. I animated a Charmin Bear walk cycle for a *Charmin* pre-commercial to be aired in the USA. I also animated compositing mattes to be used for a digital colouring effect on one of their last US adverts.

QUALIFICATIONS

2009-2012 – BA (Hons) Animation – Grade: First Class Honours

- Completed a Skillsset accredited degree in Animation with First Class Honours at the University of Wales, Newport (now The University of South Wales).

2007-2009 – BTEC ND Interactive Media: DDD

- Awarded Triple Distinction for a National Diploma in Interactive Media, specialising in Moving Image at Yale College, Wrexham (now Coleg Cambria, the college of North East Wales).

SOFTWARE AND SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop (Very Advanced)
- Adobe Flash (Advanced)
- Adobe Illustrator (Moderate)
- Adobe Dreamweaver (Moderate)
- Adobe Premiere (Advanced)
- After Effects (Moderate)
- Toonboom Storyboard Pro (Advanced)
- TVPaint Standard (Moderate)
- Final Cut Pro (Moderate)
- FlipBook Pro (Advanced)

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

February 2013 – Royal Television Society Wales Centre Student Television Awards 2012

Awarded first place Royal Television Society Wales Centre Award for Undergraduate Animation for 2D animated graduation film, *Acorns* (2012). Award presented at the *ffresh* festival in Wrexham, 2013.

June 2012 – Animation Graduation Show Awards at the University of Wales, Newport

Awarded 'Best Animation' and 'Best Overall Film' for my 2D graduation film, *Acorns* (2012).

June 2009 – Yale College, Wrexham Final Show Awards

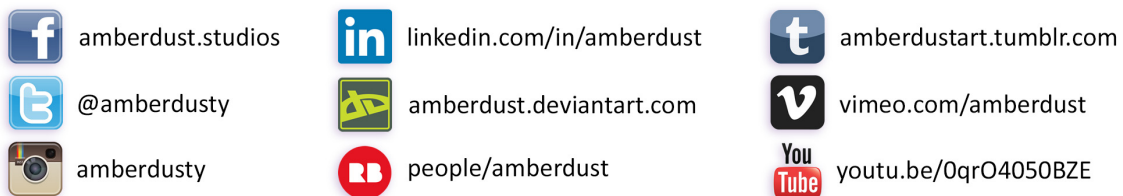
Awarded 'Best Film' for my live-action and 2D animation final major project, *Only In Dreams* (2009) along with the 'Most Improved Student' award at the final show for my course.

2006-2007 - London Art College: Awarded Distinction in Foundation Art Correspondence Course.

2005-2006 - Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and Youth Achievement Award.

SOCIAL LINKS

My work can be found online under the alias 'AmberDust', 'amberdusty' or 'AmberDust Studios'.



References are available on request.



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