## **Sarah Anne Davis**

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# **Highlight of Qualifications**

- Nearly 15 years experience freelancing as an independent artist for a wide variety of clients.
- Skilled in storyboarding, animating, conceptual and character design, layout, and painting.
- Experienced with Adobe Photoshop, Flash, Illustrator, After Effects, and Premiere.
- Knowledge of ToonBoom Harmony.
- Quickly and eagerly learns new software.
- Takes direction well and adheres to tight deadlines.
- Problem-solver with leadership skills; also excels in a team environment.
- Driven, devoted, reliable, and dedicated to each new challenge and to producing the best work possible.

## **Work Experience**

## Freelance Artist, Writer, Designer, and Small Business Owner

2002 - present

- Artist and writer for the online comic "The Awakened" since 2006.
- Hired by **Coca Cola** and **DeviantArt** in 2007 to work in a team of six Canadian artists to create comic strips for Coca Cola's "Play Starts Now" **Fanta** campaign.
- Produced over 200 characters, backgrounds, and other video game assets in a five week period in 2008 for the **Ponder Games Inc.** video game "**Pufu's Spiral: Adventures Around the** World". Involved an intensive conceptual process and long hours. Also directed and oversaw much of the voice work.
- Produced a number of illustrators for a table-top role-playing game for Channel M Live in 2008.
- Three illustrations published in "DragonWorld" in 2011 by IMPACT Books.
- In 2015, illustrated the cover art for **Looking for Group Issue #7**, produced by **Blind Ferret Entertainment** and published by **Dynamite**. Also illustrated short story "**The Accessory**" for **Blind Ferret**'s comic **Non-Player Character**.
- Participant in the 2012 Toronto Game Jam as an animator with the team Project Overboard. Produced the game "Head of the Gorgon" in a single weekend.
- Work closely with clients to produce a variety of work, including: illustrations for children's books
  and games, comics, storyboards, layouts, character and environment concepts, and designs for
  websites, logos, brochures, and business cards.

#### Intern at Untold Entertainment Inc. - Toronto ON

2012-2013

- Created art assets and animated characters and environments for "Math Castle" for TVO Kids.
- Worked on Untold Entertainment's own game, "**Spellirium**", designing and animating characters, developing layouts, and painting final backgrounds.
- Boarded a pitch package for a video game starring Bagel and Becky for Jam Filled Entertainment.
- Worked heavily in Flash and Photoshop.

- Animator for the *PBS* series *Cyberchase*, bringing life to beloved characters using Flash symbol animation. Integrated 2D characters with animated 3D elements.
- Animator for the *Latin Discovery Kids* series, *Doki*, working with Flash and utilizing symbol animation.
- Animator for *Warner Brothers'* returning *Tom and Jerry Show*, using Flash symbol animation to match the beloved old-school dynamic, fluid, whacky style of the original cartoon. Continued on as a member of the re-takes team once preliminary animation was complete.
- Animator for CBC and Donald Sutherland's feature film, Pirate's Passage. Used Flash symbol animation to achieve a fluid, realistic style. Pushed the limits of Flash's capabilities to make 2D symbols reflect real life. Integrated 2D characters with animated 3D elements.
- Animator for *Corus Entertainment's* new show, *FreakTown*, using Flash symbol animation to adhere to a fast-paced, dynamically-posed and humour-driven style.

# Flash Designer/Builder for PiP Animation Services - Ottawa ON

2014-2015

- Used designs by *Portfolio Entertainment* to build Flash characters and props for animation on *Corus Entertainment's FreakTown*.
- Extensively referenced leicas; pre-animating elements and creating hundreds of symbols per build to assure the highest versatility.
- Where designs were not available, created new characters and props based on the leica boards and show style.

## **Volunteer Experience**

#### **Animal Love Foundation - London ON**

2002 - 2003

- Rescued and transported stray cats for neutering and adoption.
- Fed. cleaned, and entertained animals residing at PetSmart.
- Assisted potential adopters.

#### **London Humane Society - London ON**

1999 - 2001

- Worked as the staff photographer. Photographed cats, dogs, and small animals at the shelter once a week to be showcased in the **London Free Press**.
- Groomed and socialized the resident cats.
- Designed and maintained the London Humane Society website.
- Sold Humane Society boutique items in Masonville Place.

### **Education**

# Degree: Bachelor of Applied Arts (Animation) (High Honours)

2009 - 2013

Sheridan College institute of Technology & Advanced Learning - Oakville ON

#### **Certificate: Art Fundamentals (High Honours)**

2008 - 2009

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