

Daraobong Soni-Ekpo

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2D Animator | Illustrator | Character Design

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Skilled animation artist with over 4 years of experience in animation and design. Leveraging storytelling to produce visual artistry to spark audience curiosity. Skilled in cel animation, character design and storyboarding. Ready to keep stories alive.

Work Background

2D Animator and Background Artist Jan 2024 – June 2024

Canadian Song Project – The Wild Goose • Toronto, Canada

- Contributed to production design and cel animation by developing brush tools and assets essential for background design.
- Supported key animators by cleaning up their rough animation and animating effect sequences.
- Immediately adapted to the approved project style and guidelines provided for the final deliverable.

2D Key Animator and Concept Artist Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

Animation Studio House – CRAT • Toronto, Canada

- Collaborated with a team of artists to learn and experience the production process applicable in independent animation.
- Created look-books and references that were essential to the word-building of the story, significantly enhancing the look of the film.
- Led the 2D animation teams and engaged the 3D team to refine character and environment designs based on feedback, translating verbal and written concepts into a cohesive visual style.
- Played a vital role in the storyboarding phase and animated 5 key shots for 2D sequences in the final project.
- The project received recognition through various awards and nominations, both domestically and internationally.

Lead Graphic Designer 2021 – 2022

ONMEE • Remote (Recurring Status)

- Operated with a background in graphic design and branding knowledge.
- Developed over 70 concepts and designs aimed at brand merchandise and products.
- Ensured visual consistency across all products, including logos, colors and typography.

Graphic Design and Creative Intern 2017 – 2018 (6 months)

Bridges to Goodness • Lagos, Nigeria

- Brought seasonal events and programs to life with short stories and eye-catching designs.
- Collaborated closely with marketing team to ensure functional event graphics.
- Enhanced brand awareness and marketing through impactful infographics.

Education

Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD) University

2019 - 2024 | Toronto, Canada
Bachelor of Art: Experimental Animation

Skillsets

Cel Animation
Concept Design and Illustration
Storyboarding
Compositing
Animatic timing and Editing
Sound Editing and Effects

Tools & Software

TVPaint Toonboom Harmony
Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Premiere Pro Adobe After Effects
Adobe Animate Blender
Clip Studio Paint EX

Relevant Skills

- Grounded understanding of animation principles.
- Adaptability to style guidelines and techniques with effective craftsmanship.
- Ability to work towards a common goal.
- Exercising patience to complete complex tasks.
- Clear and effective communication with team members .
- Good judgement of personal work as well as team members to identify chances for improvement.