



POLINA SOLOMAKHINA

2D Animator | Illustrator

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EDUCATION

BA in Traditional Animation,
Columbia College Chicago
May 2023
Chicago, IL

Summer Animation Courses,
NYFA
July 2018
LA, CA

International Bachelor (IB),
Riverside High School
September 2015 → May 2019
Prague, Czech Republic

SKILLS

SOFTWARE

Adobe Photoshop
Moho
Adobe After Effects
Spine
Blender
ToonBoom Harmony

HARD

Digital Puppet Animation
Digital Hand-drawn Animation
Layout/Background Design
Character Design
Illustration
Storyboarding

SOFT

Adaptability
Detail Oriented
Hard-working
Creativity
Organization
Communication

LANGUAGES

Russian (Native)
English (Fluent)

PROJECTS

LAYOUT ARTIST

SEPTEMBER 2022 → MAY 2023
COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO APS FILM "SCREAM WRITERS"

- Worked with the technical director using 3D medium to create layout reference.
- Created high-detail finished linework for both backgrounds and animation.
- Positioned lighting and shading to create mood references for the background colorists.
- Collaborated on the floor plan development for the setting.
- Designed and build props and ornate details for the layout and background teams.

JOB EXPERIENCE

2D ANIMATOR FOR FILM INTRO CREDITS

FEBRUARY 2025 → MAY 2025
STUDIO 312, FEATURE LENGTH MOVIE "THE RETURN OF THE EMPRESS"

- Created storyboards, vector rigs and background paintings.
- Animated 2D characters using rigged and frame by frame animation.
- Developed an aesthetic and color palette for the final look of the animation.
- Spoke closely with the film director and producer about the details, visual decisions and titles styles.

2D ANIMATOR, BIGGER & ILLUSTRATOR

DECEMBER 2023 → PRESENT
DSTBCT CREATIVES

- Animated multiple game cutscenes with the 2D rigged characters. Created the post process effects - vfx and color grading.
- Rigged hand drawn 2D characters using meshes.
- Created vector versions of the hand drawn character for further rigging.
- Worked on bringing life to the still hand drawn scenes with the use of meshes and animation.
- Produced a number of hand drawn backgrounds and additional illustrations.
- Worked on 3D models for futher use in the game or as a means of background, animation or props reference.

FREELANCE ARTIST

MARCH 2020 → PRESENT
INTERNATIONALLY AND US

- Directed and created music videos based on clients' artistic vision.
- Animated film end credits in 2D for the short movie "Moscow slide".
- Discussed preproduction details with a client along with the creative vision for the animation.
- Made multiple variations of the product based on previous comments from the client.
- Cleaned up and colored animated shots based on clients' requirements.
- Illustrated book covers.
- Tutored digital art and animation to help to build a strong portfolio for college application.

2ND ASSISTANT CAMERA

JULY 2020
RUSSIAN SOCIAL VIDEOS "SHARP CURRENTS"

- Monitored the live feed from the cameras on set to log in and manage the necessary information.
- Operated the scene slate with the clapperboard.
- Worked closely with the Camera Crew, Director, IT supervisor and Sound Director to document the future information passed to the Editor.
- Double-checked with the crew to document if any information had been changed before the next take.