



Mira Scharf

Summary

1. Extensive Flash animation, After Effects, hand-drawn experience:
 - Flash based online, CD and DVD educational game development and animation for PBS Kids, Sesame Workshop, and Knowledge Adventure.
 - Corporate training animated online instructional material for Becker Conviser
 - Created educational flash-based training CD for Boeringer Ingelheim, a pharmaceutical company
 - Published illustrator and cartoonist and created hand-drawn films
2. Over 10 years working experience with the entire Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft suite
3. Extensive experience teaching multiple subjects to a broad age range including:
 - Kindergarten
 - Hebrew and Jewish Philosophy and history to grades 1-7
 - Cartoon and video production teacher to grades 3-7
 - Animation instructor to grades 7-8
 - Animation Professor in College and Technical College
4. Strong curriculum development experience including:
 - Curriculum development for URJ Press Hebrew educational book series
 - Curriculum development for all previously listed courses
 - Content creation for game play based on curriculum for Dreamworks Interactive Games as well as for Deep Blue World

Freelance Animator/Designer/Illustrator/Writer Client List

* DEEP BLUE WORLD, INC.- 2011

Edutainment copy writer /cartoonist for interactive game

* SESAME WORKSHOP- 2010

Character animator for Sesame ESL interactive educational series

* QWERTYTOWN- 2009

Character and Interface Designer, Animator, Layout Artist for online typing game pitch

* PBS KIDS- 2009 Animator for Cyberchase internet game

<http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/weather/index.html>

*BOERINGER INGELHEIM- July 2008 – September 2008

Flash and Photoshop Storyboard artist, background, character designer, illustrator, and animator for Mirapex instructional CD

* SKYWORKS TECHNOLOGIES- March 2008 – June 2008

Flash animator and illustrator for Bedrock Dance Academy game at <http://postopia.com/>

* CLAMBAKE ANIMATION- November 2007 – February 2008

Flash animator and illustrator for Cartoon Network show “Assy Mcgee”

* NFL- August 2007 – October 2007

Flash animator for NFL online games

* ANIMAGIC- April 2007 – June 2007

Flash animator on TV show in development Nate The Great

* LITTLE AIRPLANE- September 2006 – March 2007

After Effects animator for Preschool Nickelodeon show Wonder Pets

- * TREEHOUSE ANIMATION- August 2006
Flash and After Effects animator for Walmart promotional campaign
- * WORLD LEADERS ENTERTAINMENT- April 2006 - July 2006
Flash animator for Lucky Charms Webisodes for General Mills
- * ICEBOX / MISHMASH MEDIA- January 2006 - February 2006
Flash animator for Showtime DVD release of “Queer Duck”
- * CARTOON PIZZA / SESAME WORKSHOP- 2004 -2005
Lead Flash animator on Noggin’s first season of “Pinky Dinky Doo”
- * FLICKERLAB- April 2004-November 2004
Flash animator for Harvey Birdman, Lynnard Skynard music video and other productions
- * BECKER CONVISER- November 2003 - February 2004
Flash animator for 2004 educational video course
- * VIVENDI-UNIVERSAL- March 2000 - March 2003
Graphics and character and effects animator for multiple children’s educational interactive CD ROM titles <http://www.knowledgeadventure.com/>
- * SONY PICTURES STUDIOS- May 1999 - February 2000
TV Animation Timer from Layout on Dilbert the TV series
- * READER’S DIGEST- March 2009
<http://www.rd.com/clean-jokes-and-laughs/failure-to-diversify-cartoon/article120297.html>
- * HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW- April 2009
Cartoonist for single panel gag cartoon
- * THE FUNNY TIMES- 2009-Present
Cartoonist for single panel gag cartoons
- * NARRATIVE MAGAZINE- 2009-Present
Cartoonist for single panel gag cartoons
- * ETHICAL PET- December 2005 - December 2007
Illustrator and graphic designer for pet clothing and products catalogs and print materials
- * URJ PRESS- January 2003 - Present
Illustrator for educational children’s workbook series
<http://urj.org/chai/mitkadem/index.cfm?>
- * IVBN-January 1998
Art director for web site design and for print
- * MICROSOFT NETWORK-May 1997-January 1998
Art director for Nelson’s World - Web Chat Show
- * THE VOICE- 1997
Magazine illustrator, Magazine cartoonist, Layout artist
- * DREAMWORKS INTERACTIVE- June 1996 - November 1996
Game content creator; 2D Computer graphic artist - “Goosebumps”

Web Design

- * NEIGER LLP- January 2009
Designed site including functionality for neigerllp.com
- * STEVEN ZELIN ECARD- December 2008
Designed the ecard including all animation and functionality
- * MICROSOFT NETWORK- May 1997 - April 1998
Art director for Nelson’s World - Web Chat Show

Educator

- * TOURO COLLEGE- January 2012- Present
Education in Media Professor at Digital Media Arts Graduate Program
- * PRATT COLLEGE- September 2011- Present
2D Animation instructor for sophomore animation majors
- * CHUBB INSTITUTE- April 2004- January 2005
Digital media instructor at technical college for two semesters; subjects included Director MX2004 and Flash MX 2004
- * ANIMATION- April 1998- April 1999
Animation teacher to the Los Angeles Unified School District
- * PACIFIC JEWISH ACADEMY- 1989-1993
Kindergarten Teacher
- * TEMPLE EMANUEL BEVERLY HILLS- 1989-2001
Taught Judaica and Hebrew to many grade levels
Developed and Directed the after school video production workshops
Developed and taught a cartooning class for many years
Assisted in curriculum development for Mitkadem Hebrew Learning System
- *UCLA ANIMATION WORKSHOP-1993-1998
Created two animated films: “Son of a Beach” and “A World to Come”
Developed concept, script, art, animation, layout, Lingo scripting, and game-play for the CD ROM “Animal Sounds Around The World”

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
MFA, Animation-Digital and Traditional Animation
University of California, San Diego
BS, Animal Physiology

Technical Capabilities

Hardware Proficiency: Mac/Windows
Software Proficiency Flash CS5, Actionscript 3, Adobe Premiere CS5, Photoshop CS5, Illustrator CS5, Adobe InDesign CS5, After Effects CS5, Dreamweaver CS5, Media 100, Quark X-Press, 3dsMax, Microsoft Office Suite 2007, I Stop Motion, Dragon Stop Motion

Exhibitions

2008- LA Myth Show at Meltdown Comics, curator Aaron Clark
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2006 -The Virgin Show at Lost Souls Cafe in Los Angeles, CA, curator Kyle Neswald
2006 - Makor Art Gallery, The Amendicons Exhibition NYC, NY

Awards

1996 - The Lew Wasserman Award for Filmmaking

Affiliations

ASIFA- since 2004
Working Today- since 2004
Graphic Artist Guild of New York

References:

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