Benjamin L. Halstead

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Objective: To develop the art of animation while combining traditional principles with digital techniques and standards.

Experience

Co-Founder: Mad Raven Digital, LLC May 2016 – Present
Co-founded an animation studio and began development of business assets and original content.

Flash / Toon Boom Animator: Laundry Design, LLC Feb – Mar 2016
Animated characters and animals for three 30-second spots for BURGER KING using both Adobe Flash and Toon Boom Harmony.

Toon Boom Animator: Laundry Design, LLC Dec 2015 – Jan 2016
Animated several characters for a luxury resort advertisement using advanced Toon Boom rigging techniques.

Toon Boom Harmony Consulting Nov 2015 – Present
Assisted various clients including BENTO BOX with troubleshooting animation and rigging in Toon Boom Harmony.

Toon Boom Animator: Toon Boom Animation Inc. Sep – Oct 2015
Rigged and animated historical Japanese artwork for two battle scenes from a research project by a major Japanese animation studio.

Lead Toon Boom Animator: Laundry Design, LLC Feb – April 2015
Led a team of character animators in the production of a series of advertisements for INTEL. Assisted with rigging, animation, and training.

Wishfall Game Artist: Toon Boom Animation Inc. February 2015
Created the art and animation for a playable 2D animated platform game in less than three weeks for Toon Boom's demonstration at the GDC in March.

Toon Boom Animator: Laundry Design, LLC Oct – Dec 2014
Animated and modified character rigs, cameras, and partial-3D environments and assets in Toon Boom Harmony for an EVER AFTER HIGH commercial.

Education

College for Creative Studies (Detroit, MI) 2008 — 2011
BFA in Entertainment Arts with a concentration in Character Animation.

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) 2002 — 2008
Focus in Film & Video and Musical Performance.

Skills

Toon Boom Harmony, After Effects, Flash, Final Cut Pro, Spreadsheets, Pipeline Management, Maya, Traditional animation, XHTML, CSS, PHP, Javascript, MySQL

Awards

Winner: *Stratton Prize Scholarship,* Winter 2011 ("The Nature of Craenids")
CCS Dean's List for 4 semesters