



## **Benjamin L. Halstead**

**Digital Animator**

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

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### **Experience**

*Toon Boom Rigger:* Hornet Inc. Oct 2016 – Dec 2016

Built several advanced 180 degree rigs in Toon Boom Harmony for a team of animators to use in a major studio pitch.

*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.

### **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