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WILLIAM BARR

CHARACTER ANIMATOR

Hey,

My name's William Barr, I'm originally from Ballymena, Northern Ireland, I'm a graduate of the Swansea Metropolitan University where I studied for a BA (Hons) in 3D Computer Animation. I now hope to get a job as a character animator, specialising in stylised, cartoony animation. In my free time I also try and develop my own characters and stories, eventually I would like to see these ideas move into production but in the meantime I'm really looking to find a position that helps me develop my own animating skills. When I'm not sitting in a studio or in front of my home PC in Maya or Photoshop I enjoy drawing, playing hockey (last season I played for the local Swansea Bay side), or heading to some forsaken 24 hour Tesco in the small hours with a couple of mates. I'd like to think of myself as being a sporty individual, before taking up hockey I used to cycle a lot, representing my home country at a number of international U18 races, that and I've also dabbled in rowing, football, rugby, swimming and cross country running at various points in recent memory. I am usually a very likable person, with the exception of any time that my beloved Northern Ireland loses in the football. Fortunately seeing as we have a habit of never actually qualifying for any international tournaments these emotional lows are infrequent, seeing as we tend to play very few games annually. Finally, for now, if I wasn't an animator I'd either try and pursue some sporting career, have a shot at becoming an internationally renowned children's author or simply opt to live off government benefits in the safety and comfort of my mum and dad's upstairs loft.

Thanks for taking the time to read through this letter, my contact details are at the top of this page if you would like to be in touch or ask any further questions. Cheers!

Will

Education

| year | institution | address |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1998-2005 | Ballymena Academy | 89 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1AJ |
| grades attained: 9 GCSEs and 4 A levels Ax5, Bx2, Cx3 at GCSE and Cx1, Dx3 at A level) | | |
| 2005-2008 | Swansea Metropolitan Uni | Mt Pleasant Campus, Swansea, SA1 6ED |
| graduated with a BA (Hons) in 3D Computer Animation | | |

Work Experience

| year | employer | job title | description |
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| 2002-2007 | Jessops 35 Tower Centre Ballymena BT43 6AH | Sales Assistant | I was responsible for providing honest, impartial advice to potential customers looking to invest in a new digital or film camera. I'd also attempt to resolve issues customers had with equipment or our service. |
| 2004 | NI Film Board | Camera Operator | Operated camera on film set of a local short film preformed by the Slemish Players. |
| 2005 | BBC NI Broadcasting House Belfast BT2 8HQ | Runner | Was a runner as part of a school work experience scheme. |
| 2005 | Solomon Grundy's 64 Tower Centre Ballymena BT43 6AH | Publicity Campaigner | Created animated advertisement for local restaurant. I created the restaurant's mascot in 3D and animated him over live action video footage; the ad was displayed on big TV screen in a local shopping mall. |
| 2006 | Aviance B'fast Int Airport | Baggage Handler | I was responsible for ensuring that passenger's luggage travelled with them on their flight. |
| June 2008 | Flickerpix Unit 29, East B'fast Enterprise Park, BT5 4GX 02890450260 | Intern (animator) | Worked with Belfast based animation company modelling and animating lifelike characters (using Mudbox and XSI) and some other Photoshop and After Effects work as an intern for the month of June. |

Software Skills

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I can use the following programmes competently and to a high standard:

Autodesk Maya

(modelling/ rigging/ animating)

Adobe Premiere

(video editing)

Adobe Photoshop

(digital painting & image manipulation)

Autodesk Mudbox

(modelling/ sculpting)

I am familiar with and have experience using the following programmes:

Adobe After Effects

(video compositing)

Adobe Flash

(interactive video creation)

Adobe Dreamweaver

(web authorising)

Adobe Encore

(DVD authorising)

Autodesk 3Ds Max

(modelling and animating)

Softimage XSI

(modelling and animating)

Other Details

Date of birth: 13/03/1987

References

If you wish I can send you out a reference, please contact me by email (william.barr@gmail.com) or telephone me on 07783127410 if you wish to read one.