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Gary Bendelow BA (Hons) 2:1 Graphic Design, Leeds Metropolitan University '92

Artist/Animator

A traditionally trained artist & animator with games industry experience since 1996. Acquired a diverse range of skills with a tenacious approach to problem solving and a passion for achieving the highest artistic standards possible. An enthusiastic artist with a strong belief in the fundamental basics of creativity. Experienced as a team lead and tutor.

Experience:

- Lead Animator
- Character/Creature Animator
- Animation & Life drawing Tutor
- Character Rigging
- Character Modelling & Texturing

SOFTWARE:

- Autodesk Ultimate Creative Suite
- ZBrush
- Adobe Creative Cloud

WORK HISTORY:

September 2003 - present

Gecko Studios Ltd

(self employed – contract/freelance animation)

Client: - Sumo Digital

Project: - Nike+ Kinect Training

Formats: - XBox

Client: - Kazoo Creative (for Sumo Digital)

Project: - Dr Who Gun Powder Plot

Formats: - PC

Client: - Brain in a Jar Project: - Jungle Kartz

Formats: - Wii

Motion Capture Animator (3DS Max – character studio)

 Motion Capture clean up. Working with processed data involving extensive cleanup of hand & foot planting, extracting and creating clean loops and cohesive blends.

Lead Cutscene Animator (Maya)

 Lead Animation + initially working in a Producer role. Team of 7 animators in total

Character Animation & Rigging (3DS Max)

 Several characters of various sizes and personalities; rigged & animated for fun racing game.

Character Modelling, Rigging & Animation (Maya) FX art (Unity3D)

Modelling for Unity3D for mobile app, Optimised rigging

Client: - Escape Studios (for Th1ng)

Project: - Faerie Planet Formats: - iPhone - Unity3D

Client: - Motion Picture House

Project: - CG Bird Formats: - Film

Client: - Game Options Ltd (for Criterion

Games)

Project: - Need for Speed Hot Pursuit

Formats: - PC/PS3/Xbox360 http://www.needforspeed.com/

Client: - Ubisoft Reflections Project: - Driver San Francisco Formats: - PC/PS3/Xbox360

http://driver.uk.ubi.com/san-francisco/

Creature Animation & Modelling (3DS Max)

Composited to live action

Engine/Editor FX

Cutscene Animator (in-house software)

• Ingame cutscene cinematics

Cutscene Animator (in-house software)

• Ingame cutscene direction & creation of cinematics

Animator (3DS Max)

Full character animation content for online promo game

Client: - Marvellous Project: - Lucozade Sport Formats: - online game http://www.bemarvellous.com/ Client: - SuperMassive Games
Project: - - Start the Party! + Tumble

Formats: - PS3

http://www.supermassivegames.com/

Client: - Manthorp

Project: - SubStop (bus shelter)
Odins Glow regional event
http://www.odinsglow.co.uk/

Client: - The Picture Production Company

Project: - Harry Potter (Death Eaters Duel)

http://www.theppc.com/interactive/

Client: - The Picture Production Company Project: - GI Joe (online game animation) http://www.theppc.com/interactive/

Client: - McCann Erickson Digital

Project: - UPS widget 2.0

http://www.mccann-erickson.co.uk/digital/

Client: - Unit 9 Ltd

Project: - Welcome Trust Heart

http://www.unit9.com/

Client: - Climax Games
Project: - Overlord 2

http://www.climaxgroup.com/ Formats: - Xbox360/PS3/Wii

Client: - EuroCom

Project: - Quantum of Solace

Formats: - PS2

http://www.eurocom.co.uk/

Client: - Pixel Inspiration
Project: - Manchester Airport

Formats: - Broadcast

http://www.pixelinspiration.co.uk/

Client: - Brain in a Jar

Project: - Indianapolis 500 Evolution

Formats: - Xbox360/Xbox Live

Client: - Unit 9 Ltd Project: - UPS widget http://www.unit9.com/

Client: - Pixel Inspiration
Project: - Manchester Airport
http://www.pixelinspiration.co.uk/

Client: - Gamerholix Project: - Dino

Formats: - PS2

http://www.gamerholix.com/

Client: - Flaming CGI Project: - Boulevard

Animator (Maya)

- Animation of scene assets
- Animation of front end graphics

Artist/Animator (3DS Max – character studio)

"..one of the biggest cultural events in the North East"

- Full creative content production for a projected installation
- Character design, modelling, texturing & animation

Animator (3DS Max)

- Character animation
- Cloth effects

Animator (Maya)

Character animation for augmented online game

Consultant Animator (Maya)

- Contributing character animation to new site
- · Working directly with McCann Digital & liaising with UPS

Modeller (3DS Max)

Modelling & mapping for online 3D engine

Animator (Maya)

Cutscene Animatics

Motion Capture Animator (Maya)

• Motion Capture clean up

Artist/Animator (3DS Max)

Customer Information

Animator (3DS Max & Character Studio)

· Rigging and animation of all character content

Lead/Consultant Animator (Maya)

- > NMA Effectiveness Award 2009
- Full content animation of website & download
- · Working closely with client to create an economical, fully animated website

Modeller (3DS Max)

 Modelling, texturing & rigging of 3 characters based on existing client designs

Animator (3DS Max & Character Studio)

· Character animation & rendering of in-game character

Animator (Maya)

• Character Animation – Arch Visualisation

September 2005 - October 2007

Client: - Lincoln University
Course: - Animation BA (Hon's)

Client: - Logistik

Project: - Electro Pop (TV Title sequence)

http://www.logistik.co.uk/ http://www.thisisbrandnew.com/

Client: - Fluid Solutions Project: - Mr HomeFinder http://www.fluidsolutions.co.uk/

Client: - Tonic Games

Project: - Free Musica (game demo)

http://tonicgames.dk/

Client: - Vision Studios LLC

Project: - Section8

(E3 demo – unreal 3 game) Formats: - PS3/Xbox360/PC

Client: - Sony Pictures Digital

Project: - Wheel of Fortune / Jeopardy! (Online

game - unpublished)

Client: - Sony Pictures Digital Project: - Kung Fu Hustle (Blu-Ray DVD game)

Client: - Unit 9 Ltd Project: - Discovery Elf (Online ad campaign) http://www.unit9.com/

Client: - Game Options Ltd

(for Relentless) Project: - Buzz (Sony)

Formats: - PS2

Client: - SPC Skyline Ltd

Project: - Air Jamaica Safety Video

(in-flight safety video)

Client: - Argonaut Software Ltd

Project: - CatWoman

(EA)

Formats: - PS2/Xbox/GameCube

Client: - Argonaut Software Ltd

Project: - I-Ninja

(Namco)

Formats: - PS2/Xbox/GameCube

CG Animation Tutor (Maya) & Life Drawing Tutor

- Introductory Maya tuition for 1st years
- Mentor guidance/tuition for 3rd years
- · Cinematic lecture series
- Life Drawing Classes
- Co design of animation briefs

Animator & Modeller (3DS Max)

· Creation of animated content

Modeller (3DS Max)

- Character Model
- · Posing & rendering for online marketing

Lead Animator (3DS Max & Character Studio)

 Creation of base animations for demo, involving 5 characters. Initially exported for shockwave – game went on to be successfully published

Animator (3DS Max & Character Studio)

- Creation of keyframe in-game character & 'creature' animation
- · Cutscene animations for game trailer

Animator & Project Co-ordinator (3DS Max& Character Studio)

- Management of outsourced modelling work
- · Character animation based on existing game.

Animator & Project Co-ordinator (3DS Max& Character Studio)

- Management of outsourced modelling work
- Character animation based on film reference

Animator (Maya)

- > Award winning campaign 'Send an Elf' & 'Elf banner campaign'
- Character animation

Animator (3DS Max & CAT)

• Ingame character animation using CAT®

"Gary did some great animation for us as an off-site contractor. Importantly, his communication with the in house team was excellent."

David Amor, Executive Director, Relentless Software

Lead Animator & Producer (Maya)

- Managing a team of 7 freelancers remote & outsourced
- Storyboarding, Animating, lighting & rendering

Senior Animator (Maya)

- Character animation of Ingame characters
- Animation of 4 Cutscene

Senior Animator (3DS Max & Character Studio)

- Character animation of Ingame characters
- Animation of 'Key holders' & Pysamon level

January 2000 - September 2003

Argonaut Games PLC.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

(EA & Warner Bros) Formats: - PSX

Harry Potter and the Philosophers' stone

(EA & Warner Bros) Formats: - PSX

The Emperors' New Groove

(Disney Interactive) Formats: - PC & PSX

February 1997 - November 1999

Impressions UK part of Havas Interactive (formally Cendant Software)

Ultimate Soccer Manager 2000

(Sierra/Havas - unpublished) Formats: - **PC**

Pharaoh

(Concept work)
Formats: - PC

Caesar III

(Sierra) Formats: - PC

Ultimate Soccer Manager 98

(Sierra)
Formats: - PC

October 1995 - January 1997

Revolution Software Ltd.

In Cold Blood

(Concept work)

Broken Sword II 'the smoking mirror'

(Virgin interactive)
Formats: - PC & PSX

Lead Animator (3DS Max IK/FK)

- Responsible for main characters.
- Managing a small team of animators.
- Maintaining established animation style.
- Developed new conversation behaviour.
- Storyboarded and improved 'Boss' cutscenes with blends to storybook.
- Providing weekly schedules and directional feedback on work.

Lead Animator (3DS Max IK/FK)

- Responsible for main characters.
- Developing an animation style in sympathy with the game design, art style and subject matter.
- Managing a small team of animators.
- Developed use of storybook.
- Discussing animation issues with Publishers, Producers, Coders and Designers.
 - Developed animation blending with lead Programmer.
 - Selecting and interviewing job applicants

Senior Animator (3DS Max IK/FK)

- · Responsible for the main characters.
- · Achieving Disney animation Style within confines of the game design.

Lead Animator (3DS Max, Character Studio & Photoshop)

- · Joint design of interface.
- · Low polygon modelling of high and low detailed players.
- In-game animations, co-ordination and management of a small team using rotoscoping and Character studio 2.

Animator/Artist (3DS Max IK/FK & Photoshop)

- Proposal work of character designs.
- Initial design/modelling of housing sprites.

Animator/Artist (3DS Max IK/FK & Photoshop)

- Redesigning of 3D character for sprite based isometric engine.
- Design and animation of 40% of the characters.
- 10 cut scene FMV'S including 'lose game' animation, modelling, storyboarding and character animation

Animator/Artist (3DS Max IK/FK & Photoshop)

- Rendered in-game stills using 3d max & Photoshop.
- IK/FK rigging of Cutscene player character
- Character animations for cup win/league win.
- Stills work of other 'celebration' screens.
- Design work for web page.

Animator (3DS Max IK/FK & Character Studio)

- 3D generic character animations
- IK/FK rigging of test character

Animator (Animator Pro)

• 2d character sprite animator. Hand drawn animations using 'AniPro'