



A little about me

I am a young, enthusiastic and extremely hard working individual (I'm sure you haven't heard that line a million times!) But really, I actually am! I have spent the last year of my life working on my Master's qualification at the National Centre of Computer Animation in Bournemouth, where I was awarded a distinction. This has been an extremely intense year, but it has taught me a lot about the production processes involved in the 3D industry. I have also learnt a lot about myself in this year, mainly the fact that I work extremely well under pressure and will always get the job done to a very high standard. I took on a big project for my final term at the NCCA, and although at times I could have put my head through the computer, I managed to complete the project to a high standard. I am an outgoing and happy person, which I think is important for those 'head through computer' moments. I truly believe that I can tackle any task that is given to me. I am a very quick learner and also a quick worker.

Qualifications

Dates	Course and qualification	Important Modules taken
Sept 2007 – August 2008	Postgraduate Distinction MA 3D Animation <i>NCCA, Bournemouth University</i>	Group Project, Computer Animation Principles & Practise, VB Script, Research Symposium, Computer Graphics Fundamentals,
Sept 2004 – June 2007	First Class Hons BSc Digital Film Animation & 3D Technology <i>Staffordshire University</i>	Photorealistic Modeling of human body, 3D Modeling for Film, MEL scripting, Digital Sound and Image Manipulation, After Effects project,
Sept 2002 – July 2004	Art & Design (A) Media Studies (A) Design & Technology (A) Self taught AS level Psychology (C) <i>Great Baddow Sixth Form College</i>	
Sept 1999 – July 2002	GCSEs in Art (A*), Design Technology(A*), Physical education(A*), History(A*), German(A*), English Language(A*), Literature(A), Mathematics(A), Physics(A*), Biology(A*), Chemistry(A*) <i>Great Baddow High School</i>	

Technical Skills

3D software	Other software
Maya	Adobe After Effects
Softimage XSI	Adobe Photoshop
3D Studio Max	Adobe Premiere
	Nuke
	Avid
	Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint)

Skills

Design, Character Modeling, Environment Modeling, UV unwrapping, Texture painting, Lighting, Animation, Rendering, Compositing, Basic matte painting.

I would class myself as a generalist in all 3D packages. However, my main passion is for modeling, both character and environment. I love to bring a set to life and I have a good eye for detail which makes me a good modeler. I am extremely competent in all aspects of cg.

Work

I have completed a number of projects both in a group and individually. These can be found on my showreel with an explanation of my roles on the accompanying breakdown sheet.

You can also visit my online portfolio at www.nikkibraine.com for more examples of 3D and 2D work.

Spare time

I have a real passion for basketball, which started when I was growing up at school. I have played at many high levels, including playing for England for one year. For the past year I have not been able to play as much, but hopefully I will be able to pick it up again and improve on my vulture posture and 'sat at a computer all day' fitness.

I also enjoy painting and drawing. Figure drawing is a real passion of mine, and this has improved my understanding of the human body and the way it moves. Some examples of my work can be seen on my showreel.

Work Experience

I have designed the logo's for a number of local basketball teams. Great Baddow High School in Chelmsford has the logo painted in the centre of the basketball court and has the logo on all team merchandise and clothing. I have also designed a logo for the Essex basketball team. It is really cool to see the teams wearing a logo that you have designed, and even cooler seeing it painted massive on the floor!

In 2006 I was chosen from Staffordshire University to talk to the Queen when she arrived for a visit to open a new film studio on site. This was a huge honour, as I was able to show her my most recent work, but I'm not sure she really knew what was going on. She smiled a lot though, which was nice.



References

Available on request

Contact Details

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