



## Gemma J. Roberts – 25/10/90

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Home educated till the age of sixteen, I am a self-taught 2D artist and animator. I am passionate about creative work and storytelling including; illustration; animation; photography; film; graphic design and enjoy taking on various projects outside of work. I am motivated and dedicated and love working with other individuals to exchange ideas and create unique work.

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### RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### **2009-2010 - “Lying Down”**

Produced over a minute of animation in Adobe Flash for a short film directed and written by Tony Wilkes

#### **2009-ongoing - “Tales of the Riverbank”**

Illustrated various riverside birds for writer Judie Birchall, consisting of original characters and characters based on politicians and celebrities

#### **2009 - WorldSkills Web Design Competition**

Awarded Silver medal for designing and coding a website for a hypothetical client live at WorldSkills Web Design Competition in Milton Keynes (Intermediate)

#### **2009 - “ZED Magazine”**

Illustrated video game characters for the cover of Yale College, Wrexham’s “ZED Magazine”, a student publication produced once a year. The illustrations were a part of the magazine’s featured article on upcoming video games

#### **2009 - Rural Storytelling**

Took part in a Rural Storytelling workshop to create digital stories for clients in rural areas of Wales. This involved discussing and writing a script, recording the voice and taking appropriate photographs to assemble them as a film in Premiere

#### **2009 - Brymbo Choir**

Worked as a camera operator in a multi-camera team to film Brymbo Choir's two-hour performance to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **2006-2010 - Commissioned Art**

Corresponded with various clients for paid artwork and animation

## **CREATIVE SKILLS**

### **Illustration**

- Digital and Traditional
- Life Drawing
- Design and concept
- Character Design
- Portraits

### **2D Animation**

- Design and concept
- Script / screenplay
- Storyboards and animatics
- Character animation
- Backgrounds
- Compositing and editing

### **Graphic Design**

- Posters, cards and brochures
- DVD and album covers
- Other

### **Web-Design**

- Layout and visuals
- Construction
- Basic HTML / PHP / CSS / Flash

### **Film-making**

- Script / screenplay
- Storyboards
- Lighting and camera
- Editing

### **Photography**

- Basic DSLR and SLR experience
- Darkroom experience for developing prints and film

## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

**Adobe Photoshop CS4** - 6yrs, proficient

**Adobe Flash CS4** - 3yrs, proficient

**Adobe Premier CS4** - 2yrs, proficient

**Adobe Dreamweaver CS4** - 5yrs, good

**Adobe After Effects CS4** - 1yr, great

**Adobe Soundbooth CS4** - 2yrs, basic

**Adobe Encore CS4** - 2yrs, basic

**Final Cut Pro** - 3yrs, great

**Corel Painter** - 5 yrs, great

**Google SketchUp** - 2yrs, good

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **2009-2012 - BA (Hons) Animation**

Working towards a degree in Animation at University of Wales, Newport

### **2007-2009 - Interactive Media: DDD**

Awarded Triple Distinction for BTEC National Diploma in Interactive Media, specialising in Film and Video at Yale College, Wrexham

### **2006-2007 - Foundation Art Course**

Awarded Distinction in Foundation Art Course at London Art College (By Correspondence)

### **2005-2007 - GCSE's (By Correspondence)**

Awarded "A's" in GCSE Mathematics, English and Geography

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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### **2007-ongoing - AmberDust Studios**

Coded and designed my own personal portfolio using CSS and Flash for displaying my artwork and animation: [www.amberdust.co.uk](http://www.amberdust.co.uk)

### **2005-ongoing - Final Fantasy World**

I am owner and web-mistress of a video game fan site that is now one of the most prominent in the United Kingdom. *Final Fantasy World* ([www.finalfantasyworld.co.uk](http://www.finalfantasyworld.co.uk)) has accumulated over 2 million page views over the years and receives 500+ unique visitors per day. I am also in frequent contact with the UK public relations company, *Taylor Herring*, responsible for promoting the games in the UK on behalf of the creator's, *Square-Enix*.

### **2005-2006 - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Achieved Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award after two expeditions near Delamere Forest and again at Betws-y-Coed.

### **2006 - Voluntary Work Experience**

Took part in 50.5 hours voluntary work at Smarties Day Care Nursery, Chester and received an "Award of Excellence", presented by The Youth Federation in recognition of this

### **2006 - John Muir Discovery Award**

Earned for conservation work at Delamere Forest with the Forestry Commission

## **REFERENCES**

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### **Karen Bird**

Lecturer in Film and Video at Yale College, Wrexham

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