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I love telling stories through movement and few occupations provide such a great opportunity for doing this as animation. My creative life revolves around it. Whether working alone or with others, I put my all into my work and am dedicated to being the best animator that I can possibly be.

Creative Skills

- Traditional hand-drawn animation
- CG animation (*Maya*)
- Vector animation (*Flash and Anime Studio*)
- Traditional drawing and painting
- Photography
- Video editing (*Premiere and Edius*)
- Post effects and compositing (*After Effects*)
- Photo editing (*Photoshop*)

Experience

April 2008 – present

Cutscene Animator

Travellers Tales

- Creating a high standard of humorous CG character animation for cutscenes in the popular LEGO series of video games.
- Acting as a layout artist when necessary, utilising compositional and timing skills.
- Supporting other animators, providing feedback, advice and technical assistance.
- Working closely with other departments (eg level artists, character artists, programmers etc).
- Working to very tight deadlines, finding new ways to keep the standard of work high in short periods of time.
- Supplying research materials for the everyday use and development of fellow animators.
- Organising and running life drawing sessions for the company's artists.
- Collaborating with management to improve working conditions.

Published titles: LEGO Batman, Indiana Jones II, Harry Potter Years 1-4, Rock Band, Star Wars III, Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter Years 5-7.

December 2007 – April 2008

Animator and After Effects Artist

Phaebus Media Group

- Created vector animation for educational DVDs published by Cambridge University Press.
- Composited and performed effects work on video for a wide range of projects.

April 2007 – December 2007

**Camera Operator, Video Editor
and Animator**

Cut 'n' Copy Media

- Filmed and edited footage for corporate productions and private events.
- Lead teams of three or four people on film shoots.
- Animated company idents for a number of businesses.
- Performed digital photographic restoration work.

Education

September 2001 – June 2006	MPhys (Hons) Astrophysics	<i>University of Manchester</i>
September 1999 – June 2001	4 A-Levels	<i>Pontefract N.E.W. College</i>
September 1994 – June 1999	10 GCSEs	<i>Kettlethorpe High School</i>

Interests

Animation

As well as in my professional life, I love animating on my own projects at home. I'm currently working on a hand-drawn short film and a vector mini-series. I also keep a blog chronicling my ideas, work and experiences (<http://andysanimation.blogspot.com>)

Drawing and painting

I love to draw, and always carry a sketchbook with me everywhere.

Photography

Composition is a subject that interests me a lot, and I find photography to be a great way to exercise my skills.

Reading

I spend a lot of time reading books to further my animation knowledge, but also enjoy reading plenty of fiction.

Astronomy

This has been a big part of my life, accounting for my choice of degree and continues to be so, often in combination with my love of photography.

References

Employer and personal references are available on request.