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About Me

A Canadian residing in Geelong, Australia, I began my animation career in Vancouver Canada, in 2011.

Since then, I've worked as a storyboard artist in broadcast 2D and 3D, but have also animated, directed, designed characters, and helped develop various IPs for pitching to market. I also teach animation production and drawing at The University of Melbourne.

My skills have an emphasis in character design, storyboarding cartoonish and anime action, with dynamic posing and expressions, however I've worked in a variety of styles and am comfortable with slapstick, drama, action adventure and preschool content as well.

Please visit www.saurianhaze.com for work examples,

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Education

Diploma of Classical Animation, Vancouver Film School 2006

Recent Experience

Freelance Storyboard Artist

2011 - Present

Storyboarding and animatic editing on 2D and 3D broadcast series. Clients include Doodles/Coi Leray, Dreamworks, Disney, Cartoon Network, Warner Bros., Marvel, Channel 9 Australia, ABC Australia, Studio Moshi, Flying Bark, Atomic Cartoons, Icon Entertainment.

Past productions include:

Andy Lee - "Do Not Watch This Show" (Wizz Productions, ABC AUS)

Coi Leray "Not In The Store" Music video (Doodles USA, BYB Studios CAN)

Claynosaurz - (Claynosaurz Inc CAN)

Dragons: The Nine Realms Seasons 1 and 2 (Dreamworks USA)

Bear Bricks Season 1 (Dreamworks USA)

Dragon Lizzardo Pilot Development (Custom Nuts Tokyo)

Bill & Tony Seasons 1 and 2 (Cartoon Network APAC)
Stitch & Ai Season 2 (Disney Asia/USA)
Avengers Assemble Season 1 (Marvel USA)
Lego Monkey Kid Pilot Episode (Lego)
Joust Pitch Pilot (Dreamworks USA)
Monster Beach Season 1 and Tele-movie (Cartoon Network APAC)
Exchange Student Zero Season 1 (Cartoon Network APAC)
Strange Chores Season 1 (ABC Australia)
Little J Seasons 1 and 2 (ABC Australia)
Berry Bees Season 1 and 2 (9GO! Australia)
Space Nova Seasons 1 and 2 (ABC Australia)

Freelance Illustrator

September 2023 - Present
Moose Toys (Melbourne / Los Angeles)

Providing detailed, dynamic character drawings for marketing and packaging.
Goo-Jitzu and WWE properties among others.

Storyboard Artist

March 2021- May 2023 - Dave Enterprises & Dreamworks Entertainment

Dreamworks' *Dragons: The Nine Realms* Seasons 1 and 2, 22min, 3D, Action Adventure

Interpreting scripts, storyboarding sections as assigned by the director and working with a small team remotely. Was given action heavy sequences and climax sequences for both season finales.

Dreamworks' "*Bear Bricks*" S1 22min, 3D, Comedy/Tween Drama

Interpreting episodic scripts and storyboarding sections as assigned by the director. Snappy sit-com/musical in style.

SLR Productions "*SPACE NOVA*" S2 22min, 3D Family/Sci Fi.

Interpreting episodic scripts and storyboarding sections as assigned by the director. CG, family, action adventure set in outer space.

Director/Creator of "*Dragon Lizzardo*"

Aug 2020 - March 2021
Custom Nuts Productions (Tokyo) & Omens Studio (Singapore)

Developed my own original intellectual property in partnership with Custom Nuts Tokyo and Omens Studio Singapore. I was across scripting, character design, a pilot animatic and production bible development for pitching.

Rough Animator

February 2020 - June 2020
Studio Moshi (Melbourne)

“Where is Anne Frank” Feature film by Ari Folman.

Roughing out hand drawn animation in Harmony/Toon Boom.
Complex designs and realistic timing/spacing.

Instructor for Animation Production

2016 - Present
VCA / University of Melbourne

A semester long class of instruction in animation production and technical drawing. Classes of approximately 20 students. I touch on the animation pipeline, drawing and story development while providing live drawing demos.

Contacts

DAVE ENTERPRISES - Michael Pattison - Head of Production
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DAVE ENTERPRISES - Andy Collins - Story Supervisor / Director
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CUSTOM NUTS - Silas Hickey - Executive Producer
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MOOSE TOYS - Matt Mcshane - Studio Director
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CREEPY CRAWLEY CARTOONS - Patrick Crawley
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FLYING GHERKIN PRODUCTIONS
Nick Donkin - Director / Producer
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VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS - Christie Widiarto
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More contacts and work examples available upon request.
