

Natasha Dichpan

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PROFILE

Natasha is a Painter, Designer and Art Director. She is passionate about visual story telling, creating concepts through digital and traditional media. She's worked on variety of projects for clients ranging from traditional and 3D animation studios to local indie bands, book publishers and Canadian film makers. Since 2016 she's represented Toronto in the national ArtBattle live painting competition, was featured in art events for public, private and charity organizations. Natasha is also part of the Toronto Draw by Night collective, which focuses on hosting social drawing and networking events for art professionals and enthusiasts alike. She takes pride in her work and puts maximum effort and care into all aspects of its execution.

EXPERIENCE

BACKGROUND PAINTER SEPT 2020-JUNE 2021

DELUXE ANIMATION STUDIOS

- Painting backgrounds for Warner Brothers feature film production **Space Jam 2**
- Produce high quality paintings with efficiency and problem solving skills, working for overseas client and strict deadlines

BACKGROUND PAINTER, ASSET DESIGNER NOV 2017-AUG 2020

CORUS ENTERTAINMENT

- Work with a small team of painters on a high volume, fast paced tv-show for Nickelodeon channel
- Create additional assets for the show, take on various roles within the Art Department such as helping with establishing shots, colour keys and design

CHARACTER & LOCATION DESIGNER MAY 2014-OCT 2017

PORTFOLIO ENTERTAINMENT

- Develop the look and visuals for TV shows such as **Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat**, Teletoon's **Freaktown** and Discovery Kid's **Doki**
- Part of a small development team creating concept art for future projects and pitches, working directly with writers, producers and heads of development

ART DIRECTOR 2016

TRIXTER CANADA

- Work on all stages of visual development for a small budget feature film; character design, location concepts, colour keys and painting
- Oversee a team of artists and assist the 3D department in translating my designs and paintings into the 3D models and animation

CONCEPT ARTIST 2016

DHX MEDIA

- Create location designs and concept sketches for a new animated series based on the entertainment toy brand **Strawberry Shortcake**

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COLOUR ARTIST 2013

YOWZA! ANIMATION INC

- Ink and colour artist for DreamWorks traditional animation project
- Worked on tight dead-lines, in a fast paced work flow between Toronto and LA

DESIGNER 2011 - 2013

TOONBOX ENTERTAINMENT

- Designer and colour artist for the following feature film and TV productions:
The Nut Job (2014), Spark: A Space Tail (2016), The Beet Party (TV series 2012 – 2013)
- Surface texturing, colour artwork and matte painting
- Prop, character and layout design

CHARACTER DESIGNER 2013

BIG JUMP PRODUCTIONS

- Developed character designs and modifications for Rob Dyrdek's "Wild Grinders" TV series
- Props and locations design for the same series

CHARACTER DESIGNER 2009 - 2010

CHUCK GAMMAGE ANIMATION

- 2D animation for Kellogg's Tony the Tiger, Rice Krispies and Toucan Sam commercials
- Character design and flash animation for a Bravo short "Blame Cupid, Stupid"
- Prop and character design for Cookie Jar's "Peter Pepper's Pet Spectacular"

CHARACTER DESIGNER 2009 - 2010

COOKIE JAR ENTERTAINMENT

- Developed main character designs for the "M.U.D.P.I.T." TV series
- Worked closely with director and creators of the series to develop concept artwork

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

ART BATTLE CANADA: LIVE PAINTER/COMPETITOR 2014-CURRENTLY

Ongoing Canada-wide live painting competition. In 2019 placed as a Toronto finalist. In 2016 featured as one of the top 4 painters in the Canadian national finals. Events include entertainment nights, fundraising for local charities and showcases for corporate parties.

MURALIST FOR STREET ART TORONTO PROGRAM 2014-2019

Working with the City of Toronto to design and paint murals with the goals of beautification and community engagement.

DRAW BY NIGHT TORONTO 2014-2019

Co-founder and host of the popular Toronto drawing networking event - Draw by Night TO.

PROJECT FOR CANADIAN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION 2013

Collaborated on illustration for the PinkTour bus. The bus was set on the road across Ontario to promote breast cancer awareness.