



NATALIA STARIKOVA ABUD

BG PAINTER 2D LAYOUT ARTIST SCENE PLANNER

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ABOUT ME

After obtaining a master's degree in Fine Art from Kharkov Academy, I worked for 3 decades in various art positions. Recently, I decided to make a change in my career and immerse myself in the world of animation. I graduated from Seneca College, where I specialized in Background Painting and 2D Layout. In the summer of 2022, during my time off from College, I got the opportunity to gain in studio experience as a Layout Artist at Nelvana. In and out of studio, I'm passionate about improving my creative skills and staying up to date with the technical side of animation, while I learn numerous painting, drawing and animation programs.

EDUCATION

2020 - 2023 • Seneca@York

- 3 years Advanced Animation Diploma

1990 - 1996 • Kharkov Academy

- Masters Degree in Fine Art

EXPERIENCE

2022

July - August

Layout Artist, Nelvana, Corus Entertainment, Toronto, ON

- 2D Layout artist on Zokie of Planet Ruby, Nickelodeon
 - Worked with provided storyboards to create layouts from various angles
 - Delivered Layouts in a timely manner to the layout supervisor

2013 - 2023

Freelance Illustrator, Friesen Press, Altona, MB

- Illustrator on children's books
 - Developed over 100 books for children
 - Worked closely with the provided scripts
 - Created story beats, rough and clean work, as well as the final painting
 - Responsible for making any changes to the illustrations when requested by the author

2007 - 2013

Freelance Illustrator, Kalimat Group, Sharjah, UAE

- Illustrator on children's books
 - Responsible for story beats, rough and clean illustrations, as well as delivering the final illustration
 - Responsible for making any changes to the illustrations when requested by the author

2007 - 2009

Art Teacher

- Illustrator on children's books
 - Taught full time visual arts for grades 2 - 7
 - Empowered students to express themselves through art
 - Planned classes and art projects, while following the curriculum
 - Responsible for grading
 - Motivated students to participate in class activities and to perform to the best of their abilities

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Photoshop

Storyboard Pro

Shotgrid

3D Maya

Toon Boom Harmony

Blender