

ABHIJIT NENE

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SUMMARY

Experienced and highly creative 2D Artist with a strong background in animation design, visual development and illustration. As the co-founder and executive director of a boutique animation and illustration studio, I led a talented team in producing high-quality art assets for casual games, animation for promotional videos, explainer videos and of course episodes of animated TV series' ensuring both artistic excellence and timely delivery. My expertise in animation design, coupled with my ability to lead and inspire teams, makes me uniquely equipped to deliver compelling, visually engaging animated or illustrative content that enhances viewer engagement. Passionate about pushing artistic boundaries, I am eager to contribute to innovative projects in the animation, motion graphics and gaming industry.

SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Photoshop
- Illustrator
- Creative
- Detail-oriented
- Multitasking
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Communication
- Traditional animation
- Character Design
- Storyboarding
- Visual Development
- Concept Art
- Art Training

EXPERIENCE

08/2025 – 12/2025

Freelance Children's book Illustrator

Monica Brown- Self-Published author, USA

- Digital illustrations for a children's book based on Jesus' teachings.

01/2025 – 2/2025

Freelance Children's book Illustrator

Dar al Fikr al Lubnani- Beirut, Lebanon

Digital illustrations for 5 educational books.

03/2025 – 3/2026

Freelance Children's book Illustrator

Charge Mommy Books- Connecticut, USA

Digital illustrations for an educational book about bicycles and vehicles

10/2023 – 03/2024

Freelance Character Concept Artist

Triodoxic Digital Studios - Mumbai, India

- Character Designs for 3D Avatars for Finance Educational Game for Centsables (New York)
- Character concepts and turnarounds for an educational game about indigenous cultures

06/2023 - 06/2024	Comicbook Artist/Graphic Designer UNESCO MGIE - New Delhi, India • Comic Strips and Graphic design for research purposes
02/2023 - 04/2023	Producer and Animation Director for animated sequence for a live-action movie Triodoxic Digital Studios - Mumbai, India • Script • Storyboard/Animatic • Animation production
01/2023 - 04/2023	Freelance Character Concept Artist Triodoxic Digital Studios - Mumbai, India • Character Designs for 3D Avatars for Virtual Campus for Globant
04/2022 - 12/2022	Freelance Digital Illustrator Story Fairs App - Hyderabad, India • Digital Illustrations for interactive pre-school stories
12/2021 - Current	Adjunct Faculty Symbiosis Institute of Design - Pune, India Teaching Animation Production and Pre-Production
07/2021 - 09/2021	Creative Consultant/Freelance Illustrator Creative Consultant/Freelance Illustrator - Pune, India • Storyboarding for TV show (Bhoot Bandhus) for Tavrohi, Delhi • Illustrations for e-learning for IME Pune • Storyboards for Nursery Rhyme videos for Indus Moon Kids, Pune
02/2021 - 07/2021	Creative Director Flying Toads - Pune, India • Evaluated illustrative material for compliance with standards and specifications.
06/2020 - 01/2021	Creative Consultant/Freelance Illustrator Creative Consultant/Freelance Illustrator - Pune, India • Logo animation for Axion, Bengaluru • Digital illustrations of 12 children's books for Cordiform films, Pune • 2 explainer videos for Piaggio, Pune • 6 promotional videos for Grocela Retail, Pune • 50 medical illustrations for Integratedesign, Mumbai • Promotional Material for Nissin for Dentsu, Bengaluru

06/2012 - 06/2020

Co-founder/Creative Director

Aroha Media - Pune, India

- Expanded the area of work from animation for broadcast (TV shows) to Digital art and Graphics for e-learning, Game art (conceptual as well as production art), Digital illustration and Explainer/Promotional animated videos
- Supervised and worked hands on for Game art assets for Monkeez Island (online game developed for a toy manufacturing Company in USA) for Smart Cloud
- Supervised Storyboards and Animation and successfully delivered 40 episodes of Ella Bella Bingo (August Media Holdings, Singapore)
- Supervised illustrations for several applications for clients from Norway, USA, Australia and Singapore
- Supervised Concept Art, Character Design, Animation and Environment Design for PC/Console/Mobile games for IOS and Android - Tiny Countries, Math vs Zombies, Guess the Movie, Friends, GIJOE adventure, Road Combat, Chota Bheem etc.
- (June Software, Pune/San Fransico)
- Supervised Storyboards for 52 episodes of Buzz Bumble (Blue Rocket, Australia)
- Supervised entire process after the script for several E-Learning /Explainer Videos/Promotional Videos for Upside Learning, Pune
- Supervised Storyboards for 52 episodes of Fanshaw and Crudnut (Blue Rocket, Australia)
- Supervised Storyboards for 42 episodes of Dum bots (Blue Rocket, Australia)
- Developed 2 on-demand video courses for Aroha Media (under the name Art n Animation) starting with 2D Visual Effects-Basics using Adobe Animate and the third one is in development
- (These courses are available on Udemy)

04/2009 - 05/2012

Co-founder/Creative Director

Toonzera - Pune, India

- Trained a team of pre-production and animation artists
- Supervised and successfully delivered more than 20 episodes of varied projects (animated TV shows) for Major Indian Clients (MAD productions, Amar Chitra Katha, Chandamama)

01/2008 - 01/2009

Creative Consultant

Fountain Pixels - Pune, India

- Storyboards and Direction for an animated Feature for Television called 'Eklavya'(For Cartoon Network, India)

01/2008 - 01/2009

Creative Consultant

Etamina Studios - Mumbai, India

- Conceptual art for Characters for an animated feature film called 'Secrets of the seven sounds'

04/2005 - 08/2007

Animation Director

Phoebus Media - Pune, India

- Supervised and successfully delivered an animated TV show (13 episodes of Akbar-Birbal)
- Worked on storyboards for a feature length project called Dashavtar
- Worked as Animation Director on the feature film Dashavtar

03/2004 - 03/2005

Animation Director

Animation Bridge - Hyderabad, India

- Co-Animation Director for animated TV show called Gloria, Wilma and Me (for Futurikon, France)
- Animation Supervisor on an animated TV show called Traffic Children (UK)

07/2003 - 01/2004

Senior Executive

Tata Elxsi - Bangalore, India

- Meet with clients and document the requirements
- Brief the team on the requirements
- Work out plan for execution and delivery
- Supervise the production for quality (animations and pre-visualization for TV commercials)

01/2003 - 06/2003

Concept artist/game artist

Milestone Interactive - Mumbai, India

- Concept artist/game artist for a game being developed for PS2 called Road Rebels
- Designed all main characters of the game
- Storyboards of cut-scenes in the game
- Also worked as a texture artist for the production art

02/2002 - 12/2002

Senior Animator

Acropetal Animedia - Bangalore, India

- Worked on traditional animation for a TV show called 'Lido The Little Lion'
- Worked on a 5 min demo for an animated feature called 'Tiger from Malgudi'

04/2000 - 12/2001

Animator

Millitoon Animation - Chennai, India

- Worked on animated TV shows for a French production company called Millimages
- Traditional animator on several shows: The Red Fox, Vampires, Pirates and Aliens, Talis and his thousand tasks, Ethelbert the tiger, 64 zoo lane

02/1997 - 04/1998

Graphic Designer

Printech Consultants - Manama, Bahrain

- Collaborate with copywriters, photographers, printers, stylists, illustrators, and account managers to give the best service to the clients
- Contributing ideas and design artwork to the overall brief
- Create the design and layout of magazines, research reports, newsletters and other marketing materials for use at conferences

EDUCATION

03/2023	Advanced Certification in UI UX Design Strategy Intellipaaf online course (supported by IIT Guwahati)
06/2010	Bachelor of Fine Arts: Applied Arts Pune University - Pune India
04/1999	Diploma in Classical Animation Vancouver Film School - British Columbia, Canada Worked as Teacher's assistant for the evening life drawing class.
06/1995	Diploma in Commercial Arts AKMV - Pune India Won best music score for a stage play in an inter-college competition

PORTFOLIO

<https://www.behance.net/abhinene>

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Vishwakarma University, Pune, India, Member of Advisory Board for Animation Design, 06/18, 06/24

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Title: Animation Director/Pre-Production Designer/Illustrator
Date of Birth: 06/07/73
Nationality: Indian

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

I played keyboards for a Rock and Roll band while I was studying ccommercial arts at AKMV Pune. My band won 2nd place at the Mood Indigo Festival Livewire competition at IIT Mumbai in 1990 and we also won 1st position at a Music competition held at AFMC Pune in 1993.

I won best music score for a play we did for Firodiya Karandak Pune. It is a prestigious inter-college competition for stage plays in the city.

I composed and recorded several radio jingles advertisements for Local Businesses from 1994 to 1996.
