



# Darja Kotova

## 2D Animator

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### Professional Summary

I am a UK-based 2D Animator with a strong passion for Toon Boom Harmony and a deep understanding of animation principles. I thrive in a collaborative environment, bringing characters and scenes to life through smooth motion and engaging storytelling. I am eager to contribute to a dynamic animation team, continuously refine my skills, and assist or learn from others.

### Skills

#### Technical

Toon Boom Harmony Pro  
Toon Boom Storyboard Pro  
TVPaint  
Adobe After Effects  
Adobe Photoshop  
Microsoft Word and Excel  
Google Docs and Sheets

#### Personal

Deadline Management  
Working with Briefs  
Great Teamwork  
Communcative  
Problem-Solving  
Organised  
Adaptable  
Implementing Feedback  
Good at working under pressure  
Leadership  
Attentive to Detail  
Client Relationships  
Animation pipeline knowledge

### Work Experience

#### Sillyincorporated | 2D Animator & Colourist | (April 2025 – Present 2025) Freelance

- Animated a comedy video for a YouTube channel based on a pre-existing storyboard.
- Produced polished animation with colour
- Replicated the animation style required and kept it consistent
- Worked closely and consistently with client

#### Century Games - Whiteout Survival| 2D Animator & Colourist | (July 2025 ) Freelance

- Animated a sponsored video under SillyIncorporated for the client Century Games
- Produced polished animation with colour
- Adhered to the client brief and worked consistently

#### References

(Available Upon request and verified references available on LinkedIn)

### General Experience

#### Spiracle Audio Books Christmas Campaign | Director & Animator | (Nov 2024 – Dec 2024) London

- Directed and animated a Christmas campaign advertisement.
- Managed the team effectively, ensuring a smooth workflow and high-quality output.
- Oversaw the animation process, from initial concept to final production.
- Maintained clear communication and organization to meet project deadlines.

#### Graduate Film “Family Picture” | Clean up Artist | (April 2024) London

Assisted in lineart cleanup work for a graduate film.  
Ensured consistency and quality in final animation frames.  
Worked efficiently to meet the film's production deadlines while maintaining a high standard of work.

### Awards and Acknowledgements

- Semi-Finalist at BOM Film Festival Beverly Hills (2024)
- Best Final Year Film Award 2025 - Middlesex University
- Year 2 Film Showcase Award Winner - Middlesex University

### Education

Middlesex University | BA Hons Animation  
2022 - 2025, London  
First-Class Degree

Focus on 2D Animation, ToonBoom Harmony