

Helena Houghton

About me

I graduated with a 2:1 BA(Hons) in Animation in 2013, specialising in stop motion puppet making and achieved a first in my final practical animation project. I am a very enthusiastic and creative with a passion for making things, particularly things with a sense of fun. I recently worked as the technical intern in animation for at the University of the West of England. I continue to work on my animation puppet building and other creative work in my own time.

Skills

Stop motion animation, mould making, wire armature building, working with foam and latex, sewing, basic joinery, laser cutting, sculpting, jewellery making and silver smithing. I am confident in Photoshop, Indesign, After Effects and Premier Pro.

Work experience

Gallery Assistant at Paper Arts September 2016-December 2016
Sales Assistant at Ctaft and More August 2015 -June 2016
Volunteer at Pickled Image November 2015 -November 2016, Repainting damaged puppets and helping to assemble renoflex bases for masks
Assistant Puppet Maker at Raucous August 2015, Assembling and dressing puppets
Animator at Rusty Squid May - September 2015, Redesign logo and animation
Assistant Puppet Maker and Performer for Shefiled Pride advert June 2014
Technical Intern Animation Department University of the West of England September 2014-March 2015
Design and Animation at Fazed Pictures August 2014, 'Ella and the Blind Witch'
Volunteer at Rust Squid August to November 2013, Working on 'Book Hive'

Education

Silver Ring in a day at The Bristol Folk House January 2017
Wood work at The Bristol Womens Workshop September 2016-November 2016
Bunraku Puppet Making at The Little Angel Theater May 2015
BA(Hons) Animation, Bristol School of Animation University of the West of England
September 2010-March 2013
Foundation Diploma Art and Design, Andover College September 2009- March 2010
BTEC ND Art and Design, Queen Marys College Basingstoke
September 2007-March 2009
John Hanson Scondary School, Andover September 2002- March 2007

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Animation Portfolio



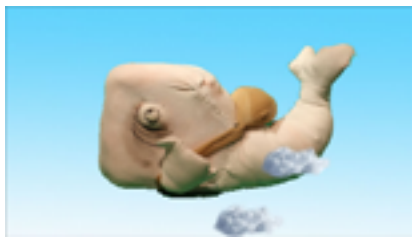
This is a screen shot from 'Ella and the Blind Witch'. For this project I designed and animated cut paper silhouette puppets in Stop motion before animating in After Effects and editing in Premier Pro. This was three minutes of animation to accompany a story told in a live action independent film by Fazed Pictures.



This shot is from my final year film 'Betty Beep'. The short was about a disgruntled shop worker who day dreams about being a burlesque dancer to get her through the day. I wrote, designed and animated this project. Betty is a hand stitched puppet made with a wire armature and latex hands.



Assistant puppet maker for Sheffield Pride 2014. For this project I designed and fabricated a peacock hand puppet for the online advertisement for Sheffield Pride 2014. During the project I was asked to create a fun and sassy character to talk about the events parade.



Three shots from my current project 'The Adventures of Sky Whale' an ongoing personal project. Sky Whale is a short documentary about a mystical flying whale that scientists try to recreate. I wrote, designed and animated Sky Whale using stop motion puppetry with wire armatures against green screen before editing in After Effects.