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Chris Butikofer

PROFILE AND CAREER OBJECTIVE

Creative, driven animator, artist, and writer with diverse passions in entertainment and media. Strong enthusiasm for storytelling and visual art.

EDUCATION

- Graduated Center for Arts and Technology (C.A.T.O.), 2014, Kelowna, BC, Canada with **Advanced Diploma in Animation for Game, Film, and Video Effects**

HOBBIES AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Launching a Kickstarter for a tabletop RPG adventure and guide book, based on a homegrown D&D campaign run over 5+ years
- Writing a children’s chapter book and graphic novel series
- Wrote soundtracks for small fan-made video games
- Worked on a startup project exploring the use of AI for interactive, community-driven storytelling
- Volunteered for youth and children’s day camps, homeless shelters, operation Christmas Child, and a retreat for P.T.S.D. sufferers and Holocaust survivors in Switzerland

SKILLS

- Excellent attention to detail and memorization abilities, quick learner through experience and strong work ethic.
- Strong understanding of shot composition, continuity, and visual appeal through character and environment framing, using camera angles and focal lengths for clarity and excitement. Passionate about camera work.
- Able to convey ideas and directives clearly to a team of animators through clear notes, draw-over revisions, and collaborating on complex shots.
- Strong focus on storytelling brings out each character’s personality and adds life to every project.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Founder and Lead Creative, The Veil of Evermist;** Kelowna, BC – January 2023 – Present. Write, illustrate, and sell tabletop RPG adventures.
- **Animation Director,** Bardel Entertainment; Kelowna, BC – June 2021 - Dec 2022. Managed animation teams, led project launches, and delivered on client expectations for Disney’s *Superkitties*.
- **Animation Lead, Supervisor, Senior Animator,** Bardel Entertainment; Kelowna BC – October 2014 - May 2021. Managed animation team, led project launches, delivered on director’s vision, and produced high-quality animation for *Dinotrux, The Dragon Prince, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Buck Wild, 44 Cats, and Gen:Lock*.
- **Front End Supervisor,** Real Canadian Superstore, Calgary, AB and Kelowna, BC – 2008 - 2012. Ran customer service, handled customer complaints, returns, and operated tills, returned products and carts, and cleaning duties.

REFERENCES

- **Trent Noble;** Animation Supervisor at IoM Media Ventures Inc.
 - **Linsay Castel;** Digital Production Manager at Sony Pictures Imageworks
 - **Johnny Jansen;** CCO and Head of Production at ReMoose Interactive
- Please ask for reference contact information.