Diona Nikitenko

Digital artist

ABOUT ME

Commercial artist with an experience of working as a part of a team and as a freelancer. Even though I specialise on illustration and character design, I also have experience doing animation, game design, graphic design and photo editing.
In my spare time I enjoy other art forms such as costume design and dancing.
I like to see myself as a creative problem solver.
You have a question?
I will do my best to find an answer.

Portfolio

www.dioniki.com

Contacts

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Work Experience

Mar 2010–Jan 2014
IDYNAMIC Group (Latvia) - Artist
• Graphic design • Game concept art • Illustration • Project management

Aug 2012–Oct 2013
UniCon Latvia, Riga (Latvia) - Designer
• Graphic design work • Graphic identity • Art contest host/judge

Dec 2014–May 2015
ESC (Eurovision Song Contest) NEWS (United Kingdom) - Illustrator
• Illustrations for a website • Stylising characters from written briefs and photographic materials •

Jun 2016–Oct 2017
MadSword games (Latvia) - Concept artist
• Concept art •

April 2023–April 2024
Massot Editions (France) - Comic artist
• Concept art • Production of a dystopia themed comic book (from sketch to inks and colours) • working in a team

Jul 2018–Present - Freelance artist for smaller projects

Recent clients
Pelvic Health Academy (United Kingdom) - medical illustration and logo design
Olly Richards Publishing Ltd (United Kingdom) - book illustration for academic materials
Toynk (United States) - Artwork for trading cards
Studiosorus (France) - Children's book illustration and other illustration work

Education and training

2002–2007
Certificate of Secondary Education in Arts and Crafts
Bolderaja School of Music and Art, Riga (Latvia)

2009–2013
Fashion Design Specialist diploma
Riga School of Arts and Crafts, Riga (Latvia)

2014–2017
2D Animator and Character Design
University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Hertfordshire (United Kingdom)
First Class Honours (BA)

Skillset

Languages
Russian - Mother tongue
Latvian - Basic level
English - Advanced level

Creative skillset
Illustration
Character design for animation
Character design for games
Concept art
Knowledge of animation principles
Art Direction
Graphic design
Photo editing
Costume design

Digital competence

Software	Rating
Adobe Photoshop	★★★★★
Adobe Illustrator	★★★★☆
Adobe Indesign	★★★☆☆
Adobe Premiere	★★☆☆☆
Adobe Animate	★★★☆☆
Texturing for 3D	★★☆☆☆
Procreate	★★★★★
Google sketchup	★★☆☆☆
Clip studio paint	★★☆☆☆