

## Gemma Thomson BSc MA

## Digital Media Professional

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### Profile

Gemma Thomson is a digital media professional who has a number of years' experience in animation production and web design and development. She has previously produced work for a number of high-profile clients including the BBC, Chorion and Lego.

Gemma is dedicated and diligent and she takes great pride in her work. She works very well in a team and is comfortable performing under deadline pressure. She is a fast learner and she is constantly updating her skills.

### Work History

#### Freelance

3D Generalist and Web Developer

December 2010 – Present

- Freelance 3D animation and visual effects work at London companies.
- Website maintenance for Wood BMW and Mini dealerships.
- Design, build and maintenance of own portfolio website, [www.gemma-thomson.co.uk](http://www.gemma-thomson.co.uk).

#### Impossible TV

Character Animator/ 3D Generalist

September 2009 – December 2010

[www.impossibletv.com](http://www.impossibletv.com)

Aldwych, London

- Character animator and 3ds Max generalist on *Gaspard and Lisa*, a pre-school television series produced by Chorion.
- Involved in the project all the way from pre-production until the delivery of the final episodes.
- Animated up to two minutes of footage on twenty of the episodes.
- Modelled and textured assets in the pre-production stage.
- Played an important role in making changes to existing shots as requested by the director and Chorion to ensure that they were finished to a high standard.
- *Gaspard and Lisa* is currently being broadcast on France's TF1 and will be broadcast in the US on Disney Junior in 2012.

#### Pancentric

Front End Web Developer and 3D Artist

February 2009 – August 2009

[www.pancentric.com](http://www.pancentric.com)

Bankside, London

- Website and email building and creating 3D artwork for the web
- Building websites and emails from Photoshop mock-ups for various clients, including Allianz, the BBC, Mattessons and RSA.
- PHP WordPress theme development for Fly53 and Pancentric's own website ([www.pancentric.com](http://www.pancentric.com)).
- Modelling, texturing, lighting, rendering and compositing a 3D environment for an equine insurance website using Softimage ([www.yourstables.co.uk](http://www.yourstables.co.uk)).
- ActionScript and Flash video work.
- Worked alongside ColdFusion developers.

#### Freelance

Front End Web Developer

October 2008 - February 2009

[www.woodmini.co.uk](http://www.woodmini.co.uk)  
[www.woodbmw.co.uk](http://www.woodbmw.co.uk)

- Website maintenance and design/development, from the ground up, of new tactical micro sites for specific marketing campaigns for a leading group of BMW and Mini dealerships.

## **Jellyfish Pictures** 3D Generalist

July 2006 – October 2008

[www.jellyfishpictures.co.uk](http://www.jellyfishpictures.co.uk)

Soho, London

- Animator, rigger and modeller on animation and visual effects for TV, web and cinema.
- Spent one year working on *Fight For Life* - the BAFTA, VES and RTS Award-winning BBC documentary series about the human body.
- Created motion-tracked facial animation on ITV's *Frankenstein*.
- Modelling, rigging and animation on BBC's *In Search Of Perfection* (a Heston Blumenthal series).
- Modelling, rigging and character animation on a series of web adverts for Digital UK, featuring their mascot character, Digit AI.
- Rigging, character animation and Flash facial animation for a series of cinema adverts for Lego.
- Animation on *Jimmy Doherty's Farming Heroes*.
- Rigging and character animation for a series of television adverts for Lego Bionicle.
- Modelling, rigging and animation on various medical animation projects, including learning materials for medical professionals.
- Extensive liaison with clients, refining requirements and reviewing project progress.

## **Masters Degree**

September 2004 –  
September 2005

Obtained an MA in 3D Computer Animation  
(see Education section)

## **The IT Group** Web Designer

February 2003 – August 2004

Harrogate, North Yorkshire

- The sole web designer for an online marketing solutions company, working closely with developers and clients.
- Designed and produced websites, online newsletters and tactical banner ads for leading retail clients.
- Produced original content for Masterfoods brands such as Mars confectionery, Whiskas and Pedigree pet foods.
- Designed an all-new version of [www.whiskas.co.uk](http://www.whiskas.co.uk).
- Produced a Flash character-based animation as a screensaver for information kiosks used in numerous Asda stores around the UK.

## **Myriad Multimedia** Partner/Web Designer

July 2002 – February 2003

Leeds, West Yorkshire

- Set up and successfully ran a web design partnership, which served various high-profile UK clients.
- Built both HTML and Flash-based websites and Flash animated business presentations.
- Won and delivered a major web design/development contract for the BBC and the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services, creating a Flash-based e-learning resource for teachers.

## **Products/Skills**

- 3ds Max
- Softimage (XSI)
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Flash
- Adobe Dreamweaver
- Adobe Premiere
- Apple Final Cut Pro
- Apple Shake
- HTML/XHTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- PHP for WordPress
- MS Office
- Apache Subversion
- Traditional painting and drawing skills

## **Education**

### **MA 3D Computer Animation (Passed with Distinction)**

National Centre for Computer Animation (NCCA), Bournemouth University

September 2004 – September 2005

Course covered 3D animation using Softimage XSI and compositing in Shake, plus film/animation theory and scripting (VBScript).

### **BSc (Hons) Electronic Imaging and Media Communications (First Class Honours)**

University of Bradford

September 1999 – June 2002

Course covered web design, graphic design, animation, filming, photography, games design, computer programming, media analysis and media technology theory.

### **3 A Levels – Art and Design (B), Design and Technology (B), French (B)**

Tonbridge Grammar School for Girls, Kent

September 1997 – August 1999

### **11 GCSEs – grades A\* - B**

Joseph Rowntree School, York

September 1992 – August 1997

## **References**

References from previous professional engagements are available upon request.