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Skills

Director
Story Artist
2D Character Animator
Illustrator
Character Designer

Software Skills

TVPaint
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Premiere Pro
Adobe Soundbooth
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Flash
Toon Boom Harmony
Cinema 4D
Autodesk Sketchbook Pro

Independent Animated Films

Ticking Away (2015) / Writer, director, designer and animator on a 10 minute hand drawn animated short. Produced by CinéTé Film Productions and financed by (a.o.) the Dutch Filmfund, Flemish Filmfund and Mondriaan Fund. **Ticking Away** premiered at the Holland Animation Film Festival 2016 in March 2016 where it was subsequently nominated for a MovieZone Award. It is currently doing the rounds at international film and animation film festivals. You can find it's progress on my blog: <http://ticking-away-film.blogspot.nl/>. The film was shown worldwide at many international film festivals, among which:

- Holland Animation Film Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands (2016) - **NOMINATED for "MovieZone Award"** • Go Short, Nijmegen, Netherlands (2016) • Cartoons Of The Bay, Venice, Italy (2016) • Tehran International Silent Film Festival, Teheran, Iran (2016) • Animix, Israel, Tel Aviv ((2016) • Future Film Festival, Bologna, Italy (2016) • ShortCutz, Amsterdam, Netherlands (2016) – **WINNER OF THE MONTH**. • Snake Alley Festival Of Film, Burlington, USA (2016) - **NOMINATED for "Best Animation Short"** • Cartoon Club, Rimini, Italy (2016) • Encounters Film and Animation Festival, Bristol, UK (2016) • Animasyros, Syros, Greece (2016)
- Nederlands Film Festival, Utrecht, Netherlands (2016) • Dublin International Animation Film Festival, Dublin, Ireland (2016) - **WINNER "Best Soundtrack" & HONOURABLE MENTION "Best International Animated Short"** • Anima Mundi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2016) • Klik! Animation Festival, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2016) • Cinanima International Animation Film Festival, Espinho, Portugal (2016) • ShortCutz, Viseu, Portugal (2016) • Zamosis Short Film Showcase, Santa Monica, USA (2016) - **NOMINATED for "Best Animation Short"**. Shortcutz Amsterdam Annual Awards 2017 - **WINNER "Best Animation"**.

Regen/Rain (2005) / Writer, director, designer and animator on a 2 minute hand drawn animated short based on a poem by the 19th century Dutch writer and poet J.H. Leopold. Regen/Rain was shown worldwide at many international film festivals, among which:

• Netherlands Film festival, Utrecht, Netherlands (2005) • Florida Film Festival, Maitland, USA (2006) • Same Difference Festival, Slough, UK (2006) • BIMINI Film festival, Riga, Latvia (2006) • FEST Festival de Cinema e Video Jovem, Espinho, Portugal (2006) • Festival International du Film d'Aubagne, Alcimé, France (2006) • International Animated Film festival Animabasauri, Basauri, Spain (2006) • Festival des Très Courts, Gentilly, France (2006) • Inventa un Film International Film Festival, Lenola, Italy (2006) • Seoul International Cartoon and Animation Festival SICA, Seoul, South Korea (2006) • Nacht van de Korte Film Instituut Neerlandais, Paris, France (2006) • Melbourne International Film Festival MIAF, Melbourne, Australia (2006) • Lucania Film festival, Pisticci, Italy (2006) • London International Animation Festival LIAF, London, UK (2006) • CICDAF China Animation festival, Beijing, China (2006) • CIFF Calgary International Film Festival, Calgary, Canada (2006) • Balkanima Int. Animated Film Festival, Belgrade, Serbia & Montenegro (2006) • Tindirindis Int. Animated Film festival, Vilnius, Lithuania (2006) • Animacor International Animation Festival, Cordoba, Spain (2006) • HAFF Holland Animation Film Festival, Utrecht, The Netherlands (2006) • Medfilm Festival, Rome, Italy (2006) • Cinanima International Animation Film Festival, Espinho, Portugal (2006) • Hüchelhoven Film Weekend, Hüchelhoven, The Netherlands (2006) • The Best of Amsterdam Fantastic Film Festival, Willemstad, Curaçao (2006) • Sonar International Short Film Festival, Florence, Italy (2007) • Jana International Film Festival for Children and Youth, Jana, Lebanon (2007) • Stuttgart International Animation Festival, Stuttgart, Germany (2007) • Animanuit, Lyon, France (2007) • Projector Animation Festival, Dundee, Schotland (2008)

Animated Commercials, TV, Internet, Corporate and Feature Films. 2017 – 2012

Elsa and the Night (2017) / Lead Animator on a short animated film by Swedish filmmaker and author Jons Mellgren based on his children's picture book with the same title. Produced by Hobab Productions in Stockholm and CinÉté in Eindhoven.

Heinz The Movie (2017) / Story Artist on an Dutch animated feature film. Directed by Piet Kroon and produced by BosBros in Amsterdam.

Etgar Keret; based on a true story (2017) / Animator on animated sequences in a documentary about short fiction writer Etgar Keret. Produced by Leugenland Productions Rotterdam.

Nichtlustig (2017) / Animator on a German series based on the cartoons by Joscha Sauer. Produced by Gretegrote Internetproduktion Berlin.

Tabook (2016) / Character Animator on a hand drawn animated short in the series "Ultrakort", made specifically for Pathé Cinemas in the Netherlands. Produced by Studio Pupil in Amsterdam.

Ethel and Ernest (2015 – 2016) / Lead Animator on the hand drawn animated feature film 'Ethel & Ernest'. Directed by Roger Mainwood and Peter Dodd. Produced by Lupus Films in London.

Sesamstraat (2012 - 2015) / Director, designer and character animator on three 30 second animated shorts for the Dutch version of Sesame Street.

Heinz (2012) / Story Artist on the dutch animated feature film 'Heinz the Movie'. Directed by Piet Kroon and produced by [BosBros](#). The film is currently in pre-production.

Animated Commercials, TV, Internet and Corporate Films. 2010 – 1994

Aegon (2010-2011) / Designer, storyboard artist and animator on the website of Aegon Insurance Company providing information on insurance policies and pensions. Working for Comic House Agency. **Vodafone (2010) / Animator** on an internet campaign for Vodafone. Working for Comic House Agency. **Zwitsal (2009) / Animator and storyboard artist.** Four 15 second TV commercials for Zwitsal Baby Products. **Tele2 (2009) / Animator and designer.** Four short animations for an internet campaign. **DAS rechtsbijstand (2008) / Animator.** Internet campaign for an insurance company. **Happinez Magazine (2008) / Animator.** Animated short for internet on behalf of promotional activities for the Dutch magazine "Happinez". **Albert Heijn (2008) / Animator.** 30 Second TV commercial based on The Smurfs for a major Dutch supermarket chain. **De Volkskrant (2007) / Animator.** Internet campaign based on the comic strip Sigmund by Peter de Wit. **Woezel and Pip - Geesink Studio (2007) / Animator.** Four pilot episodes for the Dutch children's TV series "Woezel and Pip". **KPN (2007) / Animator and designer.** Internet campaign promoting Digital TV in the Netherlands. **Rexona (2007) / Animator.** Internet campaign for Rexona deodorant. **Unique Uitzendbureaus (2006) / Animator, designer and art-director.** Internet game for Unique employment agency. **Actimel (2006) / Animator.** 10 second TV commercial. **Teleac School television (2006) / Animator, designer and art-director.** Six short animated films for Dutch Educational TV. **Deawoo (2005) / Animator.** Two 30 second TV commercials. **KPN (2004) / Animator.** 2d animated info-tainment films for internet for the promotion of digital TV. **Interpolis Glashelder (2003-2004) / Animator** on an animated internet campaign for Insurances. **Baba (2003) / Animator.** Animated film combined with a documentary by Liesbeth Worm and Joop van Wijk. **Malmberg Uitgeverij (2003) / Animator.** Educational CD ROM project; "Taaljournaal" for children with language difficulties. **Sigmund (2002) / Animator.** Three pilot episodes based on the comic strip 'Sigmund' by Peter de Wit. **Beryll Productions Wales (2001) / Animator.** TV commercial for Charmin' toilet paper. **Nominated for "Best British Animation" at the British Animation Awards in march 2002. *Second prize in the category "Commercial and Promotional Section" at the ASIFA East festival in New York in may 2002. *Screened in the category "Best of the World" at the Hiroshima Film festival in 2002.** Rijkswaterstaat; "Een Blik op de Toekomst" (2000) / Animator. Animated series for internet. **Stichting SOA (2000) / Animator.** Two animated films for internet. **VSB Fonds(2000) / Animator, designer and storyboard artist.** Internet game "Alice in Cyberland". **Lollibomb (2000) / Animator and designer.** Internetgame for the Dutch Bakery Association. **Bitmagic (1999) / Writer, designer, storyboard artist and animator.** Weekly series of short humorous animations for internet. **Stivoro (1999) / Animator.** 30 Second animated TV commercial. **Pepsi (1998) / Animator.** 30 Second animated TV commercial. **Teunis (1998) / Animator.** Pilot for an animated TV series. **De Volkskrant (1998) / Animator.** 30 Second TV commercial. **Gall & Gall (1998) / Animator.** Company film. **Fixet (1997) / Animator.** 30 second TV commercial. **KRO (1997) / Animator.** Animated leader for TV. **Spania Sinaasappelen (1996-1997) / Animator.** Five 10 second TV commercials. **Famous Fred (1996) / Animator.** Channel4 TV special for British television. **Nominated for an Oscar in 1998, BAFTA winner in 1999 and Prix d'Anecy winner for best TV production in 1999.** **United Nations (1996) / Animation assistant.** 30 Second TV spot for the United Nations. **Nederlandse Champignons (1996) / Animation assistant.** Four short TV commercials for Dutch mushroom. **NOT-kindertelevisie (1996) / Animator.** Leader for TV. **Maaslander (1996) / Animation assistant**

on 30 second TV commercial. **Rabobank** (1995) / Animation assistant. Company film. **N.O.G. Verzekeringen** (1994) / Animation assistant. 30 second TV commercial for an insurance company.

Design and Illustration 2012 - 1998

Worked on many different illustrations for print. Clients include: KLM, Dutch Railroad Company (NS), Philips, KPN, Connexion, ThiemeMeulenhoff Educational Publishers and many more.

Museum Expositions

In January 2010 my work was included in the exhibition "De Fantasiefabriek, Animation in the Netherlands" in the Noordbrabants Museum in Den Bosch in the Netherlands. The exhibition was a retrospective of the work of various animation artists working in the Netherlands.

Cultural institution Castle Groenveld included my artwork in its thematic exhibition of 2010, called "Outside". This work was a full-color drawing based on the poem "Outside" by Willem Wilmink. The drawing was also used as the Christmas card illustration for Castle Groenveld.

Masterclasses and Workshops

Masterclass "Storyboarding For Features" by Piet Kroon. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation (Niaf) in Tilburg. - 2011

Masterclass "Portrait Drawing And Painting" by Peter Smit, Bart Holt, Luk van Driessche and Maarten Wellbergen. Organized by Wackers Academy in Amsterdam. - 2008

Masterclass "Storyboarding For Short Films" by Piet Kroon. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation in Tilburg. - 2007

Masterclass "Storytelling: Short And Not Long" of Paul Driessen. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation in Tilburg. - 2004

Masterclass "Storytelling: The Story In Brief" by Michael Dudok de Wit. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation in Tilburg. - 2004

Selected for the masterclass "From Synopsis To Storyboard" organized by and on the occasion of the Holland Animation Film Festival in Utrecht. - 2002

Masterclass "Storyboarding" by Daan Jippes. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation in Tilburg. - 2002

Masterclass "Storytelling" and "Oil On Glass" by Alexander Petrov and Paul Driessen. Organized by the Dutch Institute for Animation in Tilburg. - 2001

Education

Atheneum at the Joke Smit College in Amsterdam. Graduated in 1993.

HAVO at the Amstellyceum in Amsterdam. Graduated in 1990.