

Tamara GRAY

designer and geek
for games & web

WHAT? Web Design, UI Design, Interactive Design, Illustration, Character Design, Texture Painting, Caricatures, Animation, Storyboarding, Photo Enhancement

WHO? Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, Disney Event Group, University of Central Florida, Cloudspace, Florida Virtual School, Unitech, Posimotion, Oyaji Games, InterWave Studios, Fantasy Flight Games

HOW? Photoshop, Painter, Dreamweaver, Flash, Toon Boom Studio, Toon Boom Storyboard, Premiere, Maya, Alias Sketchbook, Plastic Animation Paper

EMPLOYMENT

Present | Freelance for Web Design

Web Designer, Illustrator, Front-End Developer

- One True Fan: Web site design mockup, logo design, & unique illustrations for icons and 30+ reward patches
- Punk Grok: Website design mockup, character designs & illustration
- Evolve Design: Front-end cross-browser XHTML/CSS development

2009-Present | Freelance for Video Games

Game Artist

- Steampirates by Oyaji Games: Created color keys/palettes, painted level backgrounds, provided ink/paint for characters
- Nuclear Dawn by InterWave Studios: HUD design for UK-based client
- Twisted Abyss: (Lead Artist) Concept art, logo design, ship textures, HUD design, menu design, character design
- Mistletoe Photobooth: Designed all UI assets and graphics

2008-Present | Dr. Sketchy Anti-Art School Orlando

Founder and Director

- Monthly event duties include event coordination, talent booking, social marketing, event promotion, web site design & management

2006-Dec 2008 | Walt Disney World Parks & Resorts

Programmer Analyst, Multimedia Website Specialist

- Cast Portal team: Web/app design for WDPR clients, animated presentations, on-call support for the team's applications
- Disney Event Group multimedia team: Site administration, web design, advanced image editing & touchup, and Flash animation
- Notable projects: Disney Photographic Services, Leadership Conference, Magic Carpet Club, Decorating Support, Facebook Application Integration pilot program

2004-2005 | Cloudspace

Web Designer & Graphical Consultant

- Designed web design mockups that met industry and accessibility standards, coded compliant XHTML/CSS web sites.

2003-2005 | University of Central Florida

E-Learning Web Designer & Course Support Technician

- Course Dev & Web Services: Designed & coded course web sites and modules, co-wrote and presented lectures/workshops on web standards for faculty, provided tech support to students using WebCT
- School of Film & Digital Media: Web design and animation. Notable Projects: Cultural Byways, Digital Booktalk, Heritage Alliance.

2000-2001 | Marlin Engineering

Web Designer & Graphical Consultant

- Created an online presence. Communicated with engineers and marketing advisor, constructed the design, organized relevant content

PROGRAMS

Photoshop	Illustrator	Dreamweaver	Flash
Fireworks	ImageReady	Premiere	AfterEffects
Corel Painter	Sketchbook	ToonBoom	Maya
Windows	Mac	Iphone OS	Android
IE	Firefox	Chrome	Safari

EDUCATION

2010 | Vancouver Institute of Media Arts (Vanarts), Canada

- Certificate in Character Animation Intensive

2003-2005 | University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- B.A. in Digital Media: Internet & Interactive Systems

SKILLS

- Illustration, digital painting, visual conceptualization
- Flash animation and vector illustration
- Texture painting for 3D models
- Digital photo enhancement and/or repair
- Computer assembly and troubleshooting
- Browser compatibility and web standards (w3c, section 508)
- Table-less (CSS) web design and table based design
- HTML, XHTML, CSS, FTP, XML, WML, FBML, Wordpress
- JavaScript, jQuery, AJAX, PHP & MySQL friendly
- Social media & online marketing
- Event coordination & planning
- Comfortable with or without WYSIWYG editors
- Traditional (2D) animation basic foundation
- Fluent in Spanish. (Never learned Klingon.)

MISC

- Promoted CG Con 2009 through social media, secured sponsors, & managed onsite registration during convention
- iDMAA 2005: Managed workshop equipment setup, assisted with setup and break down of digital media gallery
- Winner in the Art Institute's "Bayou Battle" and nVidia's "Sketch Match" contests at Siggraph 2009
- Runner Up in Procreate's (Corel) "Paint Your Future" Contest
- Semi-finalist in Otronicon's ARTronica v3's ArtContest
- Wrote & self-published a book about preparing & digitally coloring artwork titled "The Little Digital Artist Handbook"
- Fantasy Flight Games (2005): Color illustrations for use in World of Warcraft: The Board Game

LIFE

- I'm amazing at Plants vs Zombies
- I know the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow
- The Empire Strikes Back is the best sci fi movie of all time
- I love geocaching because I can pretend I'm a pirate
- My mind contains a Wiki of animation & Disney knowledge
- I've never read Twilight. Ever.