

Maria Grech

Creative Animator | Illustrator | Designer

I'm a creative based in North London, working across animation, illustration, and design. With over three years of animation experience, I love using movement and visual storytelling to bring ideas to life. I'm confident with Adobe Creative Suite and Dragonframe, and I always aim to make work that feels thoughtful, engaging, and full of character.

Education

Ashmole Academy Sixth

A/A/B In sociology, Production Design and Media studies
2018-2020

University for the Creative Arts

First Class Batchelor's Degree in Animation
2020-2024

Skills

Programs

- Adobe After effects
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Premiere pro
- Adobe Audition
- Adobe illustrator
- Tv Paint
- Dragonframe
- Procreate
- Microsoft office
- Figma

Skill Sets

- 2D Animation
- Mixed media compositing
- Stop Motion
- Set Curation
- Motion Graphics
- Character design/ development
- Storyboarding/ Narrative building
- Sound scaping



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Work Experience

Freelance Illustrator/Designer

Client: Jason Elliott - I Want to Live (Academy Award Film 2026)
~ August – September 2026

- Designed the official poster artwork for *I Want to Live*, an Academy Award campaign film directed by Jason Elliott.

Client: Ken Baldwin (Book Author) ~ July 2025 – Nov 2025

- Designed and created characters for a upcoming children's novel
- Responsible for the books aesthetic style
- Programs: Procreate, Adobe After affects

Freelance Animator – Commissioned Artist

National Film and Television School (NFTS) – Documentary
MA | Jun 2025 – Dec 2025

- animated sequences for a master's-level documentary film at the NFTS
- Partially Responsible for concept development, storyboarding, and 2D animation.
- Adobe After Effects, Photoshop and procreate to create hand-drawn and textured animations.

Part-Time Waitress

BrewDog Waterloo, London | Dec 2024 – July 2025

- Provided friendly and efficient service in a fast-paced hospitality environment
- Worked closely with a large team to maintain smooth service during busy periods and events
- Developed strong communication and teamwork skills in a high-pressure setting

References

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