

WORK EXPERIENCE

Beirut, Lebanon
Jan 2012 - Present

Waraq | Art NGO and Multi-disciplinary Collective
Co-Founder

- Launched one of the few art NGOs and cultural spaces in Beirut that encourages artists from varying disciplines
- Established a growing community of 25,000 members
- Achieved social impact through multi-disciplinary interactive experiences and workshops around the city and internationally (Beirut, Dubai, Armenia, Tehran)
- Developed commissioned and self-initiated projects, and fostered relationships with local and international entities, including NGOs, festivals, book fairs, and educational/art centers (Beirut Animated Festival, Beirut Design Week, Dubai Sikka Art Fair, TUMO center for creative technologies, European Union, The Carton)

Lebanon | UAE | USA
Jun 2006 - Present

Self-Employed
Creative Director | Animator | Illustrator

- Handled creative and art direction, design, storyboarding, illustration, 2D and 3D computer animation, and stop motion
- Oversaw the development of products from concept to promotion
- Generated music videos, television commercials, short films, web series, info-graphic animations, and illustrated books
- Worked with stand-alone artists (Tania Saleh), brands (Coca-Cola), and advertising agencies (JWT, Leo Burnett)

Lebanon
Oct 2006 - Dec 2010

Therefordesign
Co-Manager of Animation Department

- Developed the first "Sanita Dreams 3D Box"; A cubic stereoscopic aquarium
- Generated 2D and 3D products for print, web, and television

Beirut, Lebanon
Jan 2010

Lebanese American University
Instructor

- Designed and facilitated a 32-hour Autodesk 3ds Max workshop for senior Graphic Design students
- Introduced students to the principles and techniques of animation, and trained and guided them to design, model, texture, rig, animate, and render a character in 3D

Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon
Sp 2008 - Sp 2010

Notre Dame University
Part-time Instructor

- Designed and instructed courses on Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, and Autodesk 3ds Max, covering 3D character design, modeling, texturing and animation in the faculty of Natural and Applied Science and the faculty of Humanities
- Inspired students to think outside the box and explore different techniques of compositing and animation

Beirut, Lebanon
Apr 2009 - Jul 2009

Charisma TV Productions
Contract-based Freelancer

- Handled facial modeling, texturing, and morphing of all characters on Autodesk 3ds max and MotionBuilder for a web series

Beirut, Lebanon
Mar 2007 - Oct 2008

Beirut Animation Network
3D Artist

- Launched the first fully animated 3D music video in the Middle East for virtual artist "Yaya"
- Modeled, rigged, and animated all characters for television commercials, animatics, web videos, and series

EDUCATION

Online
Jun 2014 - Aug 2014

iAnimate.net | Advanced Character Animation Training
Feature Animation | Workshop 2: Body Mechanics

Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon
2007

Notre Dame University
BS in Computer Science | Concentration Computer Graphics and Animation

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Dubai, UAE
Sep 2011

Animate 11 | Celebration of Entrepreneurship
Speaker | Creative Showcase

- Shared experience, skills and knowledge in the animation field with conference attendees
- Motivated and guided aspiring animators and built connections with animation and illustration professionals and studios

Beirut, Lebanon
May 2011

Beirut Animated Festival

Workshop Co-Designer | Facilitator

- Directed and supervised participants from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Tunisia, and Egypt in an intensive 7-day workshop to design, create a story for, fabricate, and animate their own puppet
- Led participants in constructing a set and shooting a short stop motion film that was showcased in the animation festival

Beirut, Lebanon
Sep 2008 - Dec 2010

FDCD | Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue

Member of Youth Committee

- Held meetings and discussions around cultural dialogue, exchange, and development among youth in the Middle East
- Actively participated in workshops on "Laughter across Euromed" and "Intercultural and Religious Dialogue"

Lebanon
2002 - 2010

l'Association des Guides du Liban | Girl Scouts

Scout Master | District Commissioner

- Led and trained girl scouts and leaders through character building programs, skills coaching, community service projects, training camps and weekly meetings around Lebanon
- Supervised large groups of 30 to 500 scouts and leaders of varying ages
- Designed and illustrated annual reviews and printed materials

TRAINING

Burbank, USA
Nov 2014

CTN Animation Expo

Attendee

- Attended workshops, lectures and portfolio reviews by pioneer animators and directors from major animation studios
- Built connections and collaborations with professionals, and was hired as a remote animator for the short animated film "Two-Headed Cop" by director and animator Derek Friesenborg

Freikeh, Lebanon
Sep 2007 - Jul 2010

Ecole du Theatre Moderne

Student | Actor

- Completed an intensive two-year acting program with Lebanese writer, director and theater pioneer Mounir Abou Debs
- Performed in two theater productions

London, UK
Aug 2009

The Place

Student | Summer Intensives

- Explored body motion, weight, and balance through "Contemporary 1", "Contact Improvisation", and "Contemp African Dance"

Beirut, Lebanon
May 2009

The Basement

Participant | Animation / VJ Workshop

- Worked with video artist Kama and illustrator Oliver D'Auria
- Created stop motion sequences and explored their use in VJing

Beirut, Lebanon
Mar 2009

Khayat and Ziko House

Participant | Atelier de Marionettes (Puppet Workshop)

- Practiced puppet sculpting, and studied joints and mechanisms with French sculpter and puppeteer Sophie Taïs

Beirut, Lebanon
Feb 2009

Christelle Khodr and Antoine Bouguier

Participant | Pantomime / Silent Movie Technique Workshop

- Applied methods of storytelling through silent movement

LANGUAGES

English
Arabic
French

COMPUTER SKILLS

Mac OS X | Windows XP | IOS | Android
Adobe® Photoshop® | Illustrator® | InDesign® | After Effects® | Premiere®
Autodesk 3ds max® | Maya® | MotionBuilder
Dragonframe
DigiCel FlipBook
macromedia® DREAMWEAVER®MX | FLASH®MX
Anime Studio Pro
GarageBand
Microsoft® Word | Excel | PowerPoint®

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Active Listening
Communication
Conflict Resolution and Mediation
Team Leadership and Coordination
Self-Management
Responsibility and Accountability
Flexibility and Adaptability