

MILA BALEV

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UK Citizenship / NIN

Highly driven BA Illustration Animation student, with dedication to work in the creative industry. I bring a unique perspective of creativity, actively pursue opportunities and make meaningful contributions. Collaborating with Kingston Archive and Penguin, I am adept at working on diverse projects, possessing deep understanding of various softwares acquired through hands-on briefs and workshops. Strong problem-solving capabilities, seamless teamwork and proficient time management skills, making me a valuable asset in any role. Adaptable and meticulously organised, ready to tackle any challenge head on.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed Commission Artist (London, 2020-present)

- As a goal-oriented individual, I enjoy spending my free time completing commissions for diverse online clientele.
- Collaborating closely with clients to visually interpret their ideas into captivating pieces, ensuring satisfaction through effective communication and understanding.
- Examples include creating assets and app design concepts for a start-up, aiming to improve mental health for the user.

Zara (London, Oxford Street, July-August 2023)

- Adapted efficiently to a fast-paced retail environment, demonstrating adaptability, meeting customer demands and enhancing teamwork skills.
- Demonstrated strong communication skills in resolving customer inquiries and effectively coordinating tasks, contributing to a positive and cohesive team dynamic.
- Responsible for training new staff, relaying information to my supervisors and managing beyond my assigned area.

EXTRACURRICULARS

Kingston University: Course Representative (Kingston upon Thames, 2023-present)

- Working as a team of four to gather and present feedback from a large student body (80+). Fostering an environment of inclusivity and transparency through hosting meetings and creating surveys.
- Attending meetings with faculty members to discuss student concerns and present several solutions to resolve any issues. Advocating for student needs and welfare.

Achievements:

- Achieved Microsoft Azure AI-900 certificate.
- Winning first prize of £1000 in donation to chosen charity, Galop. Led a team to victory, devising a creative presentation to a board of judges, showcasing exceptional communication and leadership abilities.
- Secured first place in redesigning a secondary school textbook, demonstrating artistic vision and understanding the target audience.

SKILLS SUMMARY

Effective team player open to feedback.

Proficient in visual conceptualisation.

Problem-solving abilities and non-linear thinking.

Excellent presentation and communication skills.

Consistent punctuality and adaptable to varying work schedules.

Experienced in working on a variety of different projects managing across the entire lifecycle, from conceptualisation to delivery to launch.

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE

Clip Studio Paint PRO

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe InDesign

Adobe Premiere Pro

MS Office

LANGUAGES

English **[Native]** French **[B2]** Russian **[B1]**

EDUCATION

Sept 2023 - Present

Kingston University / Kingston Upon Thames

Second Year Undergraduate BA Illustration Animation (First year grade - 2:1)

Sept 2022 - May 2023

Ravensbourne University - Foundation Media Production (Distinction)

Sept 2020 - June 2022

St Marylebone C.E - English Literature (OCR) B, Fine Art (Edexcel) A, French (AQA) C