

FIKRET INSEL

2D Animator · Illustrator · Visual Artist

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PROFILE

2D animator and illustrator with a multidisciplinary background in traditional art, animation, design, and new media. Experienced in character animation, visual development, creative production, and visual storytelling, with additional experience in arts education and collaborative projects. Brings strong drawing skills, creative problem-solving, and a traditional-meets-digital approach to animation and visual storytelling.

ANIMATION & CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Promo Team Member — Minneapolis College of Art & Design, MN, USA | 2025-2026

Photographed MFA students and designed graphic elements for program events and promotional materials.

Visual Arts & Education Associate — Northfield Arts Guild, MN, USA | 2024-2025

Designed and led community art workshops in figure drawing and flipbook animation, while creating promotional materials and managing digital content.

St. Olaf Emerging Artist — St. Olaf College, MN, USA | 2024-2025

Selected for a competitive artist residency with funded studio space, exhibitions, faculty mentorship, and teaching responsibilities.

2D Animation Artist — Beesider Studio, Remote | 2024

Created 2D character animations, turnarounds, walk cycles, in-betweens, and rough animation across multiple visual styles under production deadlines.

Museum Assistant — Flaten Art Museum, MN, USA | 2023-2024

Supported museum operations, art handling, installation/deinstallation, collections management, and curatorial activities.

Graphic Designer & Project Assistant — Piper Center, St. Olaf College, MN, USA | 2023-2024

Created graphic, video, and animation assets for posters, social media, and web content for the Piper Center for Vocation and Career.

Digital Scholarship Intern — DISCO, St. Olaf College, MN, USA | 2023

Created storyboards and multimedia assets using Blender and Adobe software while filming and editing video projects.

Art Editor — Quarry Literary & Fine Arts Magazine, St. Olaf College, MN, USA | 2021-2024

Led visual direction and contributed to the curation and promotion of interdisciplinary student artwork through submission guidelines, selection criteria, outreach, and publication design.

Creative Intern — Deodato Arte, Milan, Italy | 2022

Edited and photographed artwork for a digital museum catalog and contributed to website design, UX, and multilingual digital content.

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SELECTED PROJECTS

Comes and Goes (Bubbles) — Personal | 2025

Short animation clip for a gallery installation, exhibited in public galleries.

Strike! — Senior Capstone Project, St. Olaf College | 2023-2024

Sole animator and director of a nine-person development team, contributing to animation, visual development, and project management for an original game project.

EDUCATION

Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MCAD) — Minneapolis, MN, USA

MFA, New Media & Animation | 2025-2026

First year completed

St. Olaf College — Northfield, MN, USA

BA, Studio Art | 2020-2024

GPA: 3.47

UWC Robert Bosch College — Freiburg, Germany

IB Bilingual Diploma | 2018-2020

TEACHING & ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Artlet26 | 2026

- Procreate Animation Instructor
- Creative Minds Classes Instructor

Minneapolis College of Art & Design — Graduate Teaching Assistant | 2025-2026

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Intro to Advertising

Northfield Arts Guild | 2024-2025

- Flipbook Animation, After-School Program at Northfield Middle School
- Figure Drawing Instructor

St. Olaf College — Emerging Artist | 2024-2025

- Figure Drawing Club Facilitator
- Teaching Assistant, Oil & Acrylic Painting
- Teaching Assistant, Animated Art

St. Olaf College | 2020-2024

- International Student Counselor, Taylor Center for Equity and Inclusion
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AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & ARTIST PROGRAMS

UWC Davis Scholarship — Davis UWC Scholars | 2020

St. Olaf Studio Art Scholarship — St. Olaf College | 2020

St. Olaf Emerging Artist Program — St. Olaf College | 2024-2025

MCAD MFA Trustee Scholarship — Minneapolis College of Art & Design | 2025

The Cartoon Mill Animation Residency — Antalya, Türkiye | 2026

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

MCAD Mid-Program Review — Minneapolis College of Art & Design MFA Studios & Gallery | 2025

MCAD MFA Open Studio Night — Minneapolis College of Art & Design MFA Studios & Gallery | 2025

MCAD MFA Fall Show — Minneapolis College of Art & Design Main Gallery | 2025

Emerging Artist Show — Q.Arma Gallery, Minneapolis | 2025

Carleton College & St. Olaf College Emerging Artist Showcase — Northfield Arts Guild | 2025

Emerging Artist Work-in-Progress Show — Flaten Art Museum | 2024

Northfield Arts Guild Annual Members' Show — Northfield Arts Guild | 2024

St. Olaf Senior Art Show — St. Olaf College | 2024

St. Olaf Student Juried Show — St. Olaf College | 2022, 2023

SKILLS

Animation & Design: Clip Studio Paint, Adobe Animate, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Blender, OpenToonz, DragonFrame

Video Editing: DaVinci Resolve, Adobe Premiere Pro

Web Design & Marketing: WordPress, Squarespace, SEO, Google Analytics

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), Spanish (Advanced)
