

# James Williams

**Animator • Illustrator • Character Artist**

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## PROFILE

Animator and illustrator with a Bachelor of Animation, majoring in Story and Character, with freelance experience in 2D character animation, effects animation and pixel art. Skilled across Adobe Creative Cloud, Toon Boom Harmony and Autodesk software, with additional experience in 3D animation, modelling, texturing and rigging. Strong interest in character, storytelling and visual design, with experience working independently and as part of small teams.

## CORE SKILLS

- 2D character and effects animation
- Illustration and visual design
- Pixel art and sprite creation
- Adobe Photoshop, Animate, After Effects and Premiere
- Toon Boom Harmony
- 3D animation, modelling, texturing and rigging
- Autodesk Maya
- Substance Painter
- Design principles and visual storytelling
- Time management and collaborative work

## SELECTED CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

### **Matariki: The Eyes of Tawhirimatea | *Freelance 2D Character & Effects Animator***

Animated character performance and effects for an app development project telling the story of Matariki, conveying Tawhirimatea's emotion and actions as he threw his eyes into the sky to become the stars.

### **Back to Life Music Video | *Freelance Pixel Art Sprite Artist***

Creating pixel art sprite assets for an ongoing music video project.

## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Animation** | Yoobee College of Creative Innovation — Major: Story and Character

**Diploma in Applied Animation** | Animation College NZ

**New Zealand Diploma in Animation** | Yoobee College of Creative Innovation

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Spirits Workshop | *Duty Manager***

Operated a busy gin and whisky bar as a single operator, with responsibility for customer service, drinks preparation, bar stocking and day-to-day operation.

### **Crowne Plaza | *Kitchen Hand***

Supported evening dinner service and morning breakfast buffet operations, including food preparation, cleaning and receiving and organising deliveries.

### **The Long Knight | *Bartender***

Provided bar and table service, maintained stock and supported day-to-day venue operations.

### **Cheviot Tearooms | *Barista***

Worked as the main barista, with responsibility for coffee preparation, till operation, food preparation and customer service.

### **Cheviot Trust Hotel | *Duty Manager***

Handled bar service, stocking, cleaning, cashing up and leadership responsibilities while building strong customer relationships.

### **Coffee Culture Durham St. | *Barista / Cafe Attendant***

Prepared coffee and food, provided customer service, operated the till and supported cleaning and stock duties in a busy café and roastery environment.

**Pak'N'Save Moorhouse Ave | *Barista / Checkout Attendant***

Worked across the café and checkout, handling coffee preparation, stocking, customer service, cleaning and money handling in a high-turnover environment.

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Certificate of Achievement — Barista, HSI
- License Controller Qualification — Avonmore Tertiary Academy