

ALESSANDRA SORRENTINO

Art Director, Head of Story, and 2D Animator with 20+ years of experience across feature animation, television, and games. Currently leading a multidisciplinary team of 30 artists at Studio MDHR.

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

Member, *Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences*

Voting Member, *BAFTA*

AWARDS

Two-time Emmy nominee

- *"Outstanding Main Title"*
- *"Graphic Design - 2D Animation"*

Disney's *DuckTales*

WORK EXPERIENCE

STUDIO MDHR

- **Undisclosed 2D hand-drawn animated production** (2024 - Present)

Art Director | Head of Story

- *Established and leads the project's visual identity, overseeing a multidisciplinary art team of 30 artists.*
- *Directed visual development across every art department: character design, environments, animation, line quality, and story.*
- *Built and led a collaborative creative culture, hiring and mentoring artists while empowering exploration, ownership, and meaningful contributions across the team.*
- *Extended creative leadership beyond production by contributing to studio culture through internal educational initiatives, visual research presentations, and creative exchanges that elevated collaboration and artistic growth.*

PIXAR

- **Inside Out 2** (2021 - 2022)

Story Artist

- **Dream Productions** (2022)

Story Artist

- **Turning Red Music Video: 4*Town - One True Love** (2022)

2D Animator

NETFLIX

- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (2022 - 2023)

Story Artist

- **Undisclosed titles** (2023 - 2024)

Story Artist

- **Escape from Hat** (2019)

Story Artist

BLUE SKY STUDIOS

- **Nimona** (2019 - 2020)

Story Artist

- **Scrat Tales** (2020 - 2021)

Story Artist

CARTOON SALOON

- **Wolfwalkers** (2018)
2D Animator
- **The Breadwinner** (2016 - 2017)
2D Animator
- **Song of the Sea** (2011 - 2013)
Story Artist, 2D Animator
- **The Secret of Kells** (2006 - 2007)
2D Animator, Flash Animator, Layout Artist
- **Academy Awards Ceremony** (2010)
2D Animator

Animated *The Secret of Kells* character interview segment for the Best Animated Feature presentation.

LOCKSMITH ANIMATION

- **Ron's Gone Wrong** (2017 - 2018)
Story Artist

AARDMAN

- **Shaun the Sheep Movie: Farmageddon** (2018)
Story Artist

DISNEY

- **DuckTales - opening titles** (2017)
2D Animator

Golden Wolf, London

ADDITIONAL FEATURE FILMS

- **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** (2016)
2D Animator
Lupus Film, London
- **Mo The Mighty** (2016)
Story Artist, Development
Tiny Giants, UK
- **Top Cat** (2010)
2D Animator
Cartoon Saloon, Ireland
- **Little Caribou** (2015)
2D Animator
Barley Films, Ireland

TV SHOWS

- **Gravity Falls - pilot** (2010)
2D Animator
House of Cool, Canada
- **Hey Duggee** (2016)
2D Animator
Studio AKA, London
- **LEGO - Nexo Knights** (2014 - 2015)
Story Artist
M2 Entertainment, London

- **Randy Cunningham - titles** (2014)

2D Animator

Passion Pictures, London

- **Verne on Vacation** (2010)

2D Animator, Storyboard Artist

Cartoon Network, London

- **Nella the Princess Knight** (2015 - 2016)

Story Artist

Brown Bag Films, Manchester

- **Wanda and the Alien** (2013 - 2014)

Story Artist

Mackinnon and Saunders, Manchester

- **Fleabag Monkeyface** (2011)

Story Artist

Cartoon Saloon, Ireland

- **Wibbly Pig** (2008 - 2009)

Story Artist

Wish Films, London

- **Wulfie** (2008)

2D Animator

A man & Ink, Ireland

- **Skunk Fu!** (2006)

Story Artist, Flash Animator

Cartoon Saloon, Ireland

SHORT FILMS / PILOTS / MUSIC VIDEOS / COMMERCIALS

- **The Mighty Grand Piton - short film** (2017)

2D Animator

The Line, London

- **Eddie of the Realms Eternal - pilot** (2015)

2D Animator

Amazon / Cartoon Saloon, Ireland

- **The Bird and the Whale - short film** (2015)

2D Animator

Paper Panther Productions, Dublin

- **League of Legends - Riot Games trailer** (2017)

2D Animator

Golden Wolf, London

- **Headspace** (2017)

Story Artist

Nexus, London

- **Gillette for World Cup - ad** (2017)

2D Animator

The Line, London

- **NBA - ads** (2017)

2D Animator

Golden Wolf, London

TEACHING, MENTORING & SPEAKING

Pixar: Mentor, Internship Program

Netflix: Mentor, Internship & Foundation Program x Black 'N Animated

Xperiential x PIXAR: Mentor

Schoolism: Instructor, Advanced Storyboarding for Feature Animation (2021 - Present)

The Animation Workshop, Denmark: Instructor, Bachelor Course
Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia, Italy: Instructor, Bachelor Course
Private Mentoring: Storyboarding / 2D Animation (2016 - Present)

TALKS, MASTERCLASSES & WORKSHOPS

VIEW Conference, Turin
LightBox Expo, Los Angeles
IAMAG, Paris
The Walt Disney Family Museum, San Francisco
CalArts, California
School of Visual Arts (SVA), New York
Academy of Art University, San Francisco
Filem'on International Film Festival, Belgium

SELECTED PUBLISHED BOOKS

- **Nella's Unicorn Rescue** (2016)
Penguin Random House, New York
- **My Monster Burrufu** (2010)
Petite Grand Idée, Los Angeles
- **Leila Blue - vol. 1-6** (2010 - 2012)
Mondadori, Italy

SOFTWARE

TVPaint, Toon Boom Harmony, Storyboard Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Animate, Pitch Doctor, Flix

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native) • English (Fluent) • Japanese (Basic)

INTERESTS

Fashion Design, Analog Photography