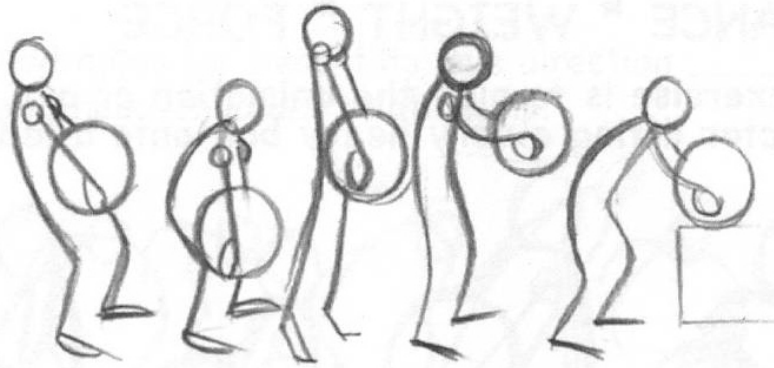


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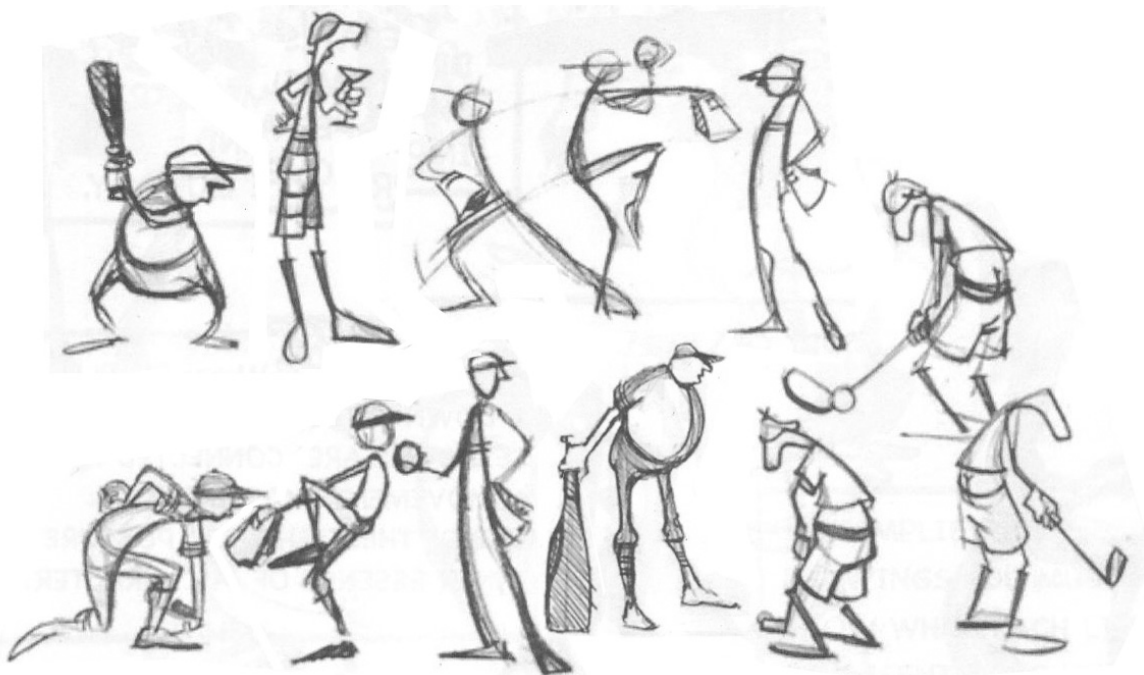
Portfolio Submission notes from the VanArts Character Animation Faculty

Setting out to become a character animator means learning about a character's or creature's life, its movements, thoughts, and emotions. It means learning about story telling because every character pose tells a story, every shot that you animate tells a story, and each shot that you link with another is a new story.

Drawing skills are important for planning animation, story boarding, and character design. Simple, informative drawings make planning animation fast, and allow time for exploring options.

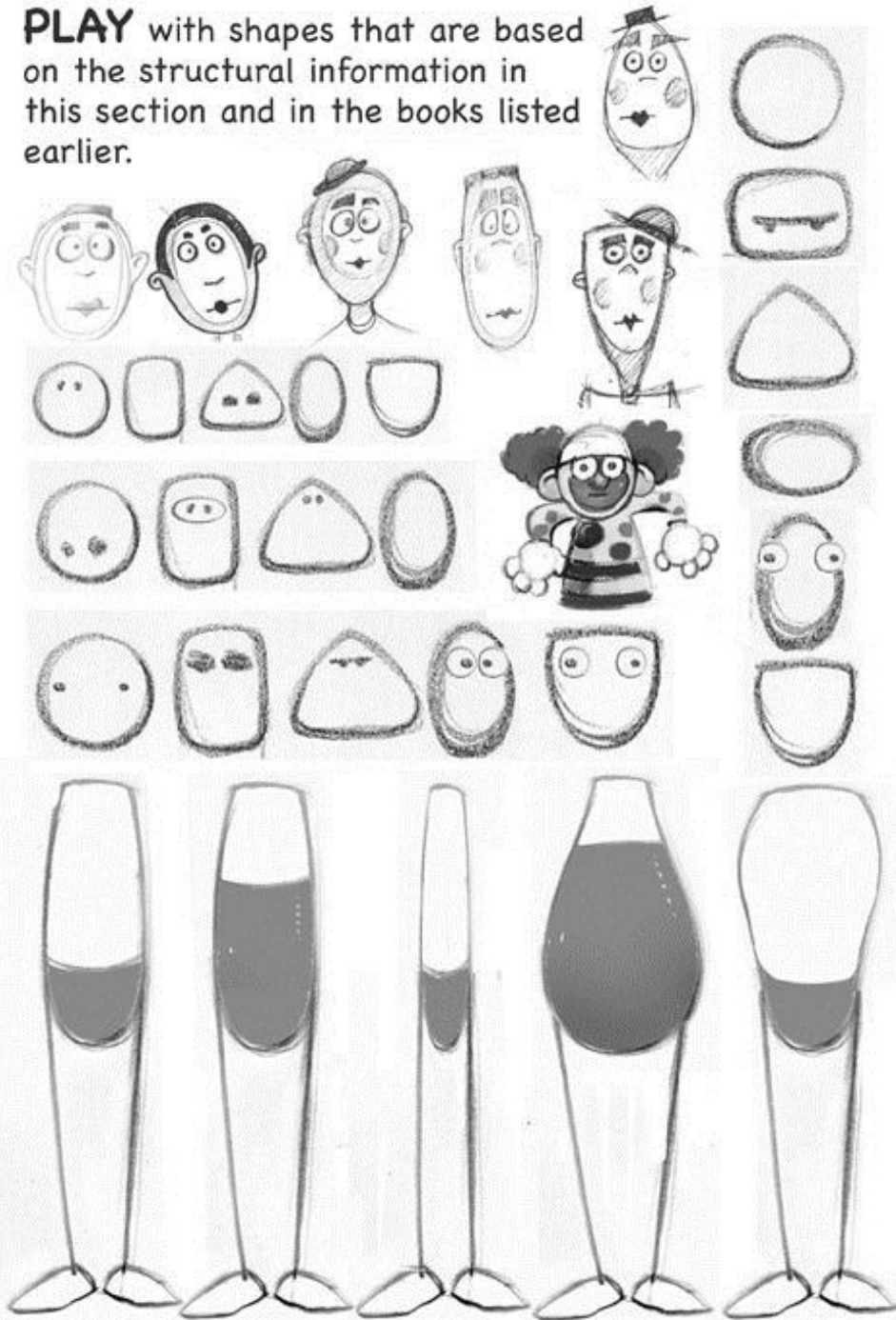


We love to see sketchbooks. Show us sketches of characters in subtle and dynamic poses. Character animation is about life, energy, movement, and emotions. Scribble, sketch, tell stories with your drawings, and have fun. Detail is not needed if your sketch captures the essence of the pose. Analyze drawings and poses from Calvin and Hobbes by Watterson and Zits by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman. Draw your own characters in those poses.



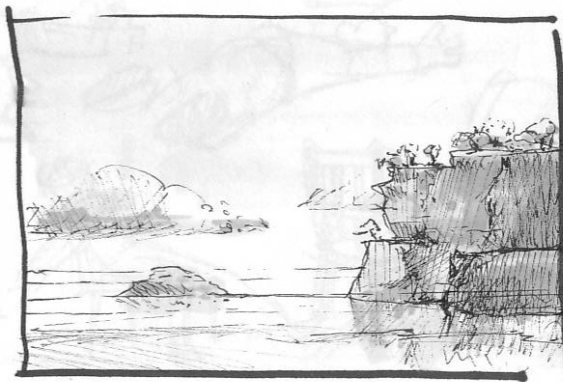
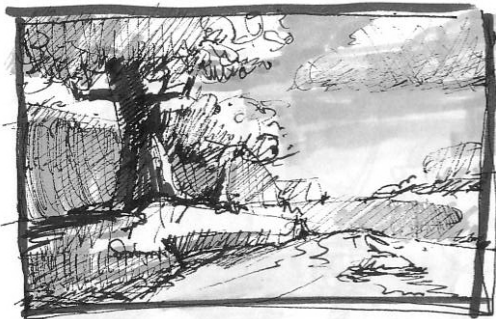
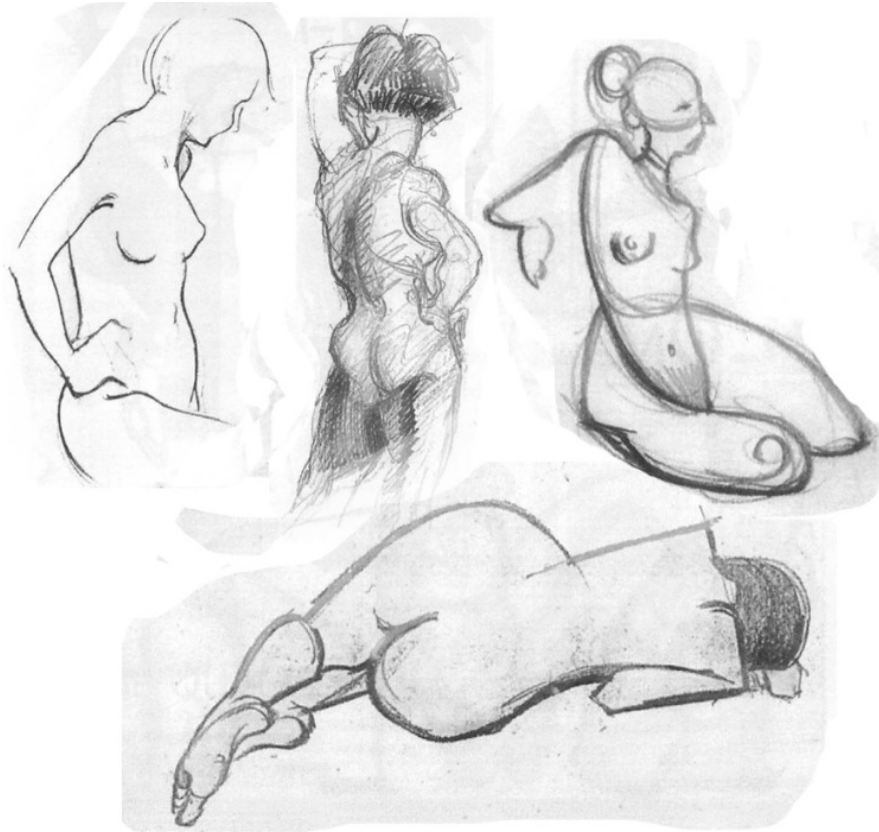
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PLAY with shapes that are based on the structural information in this section and in the books listed earlier.

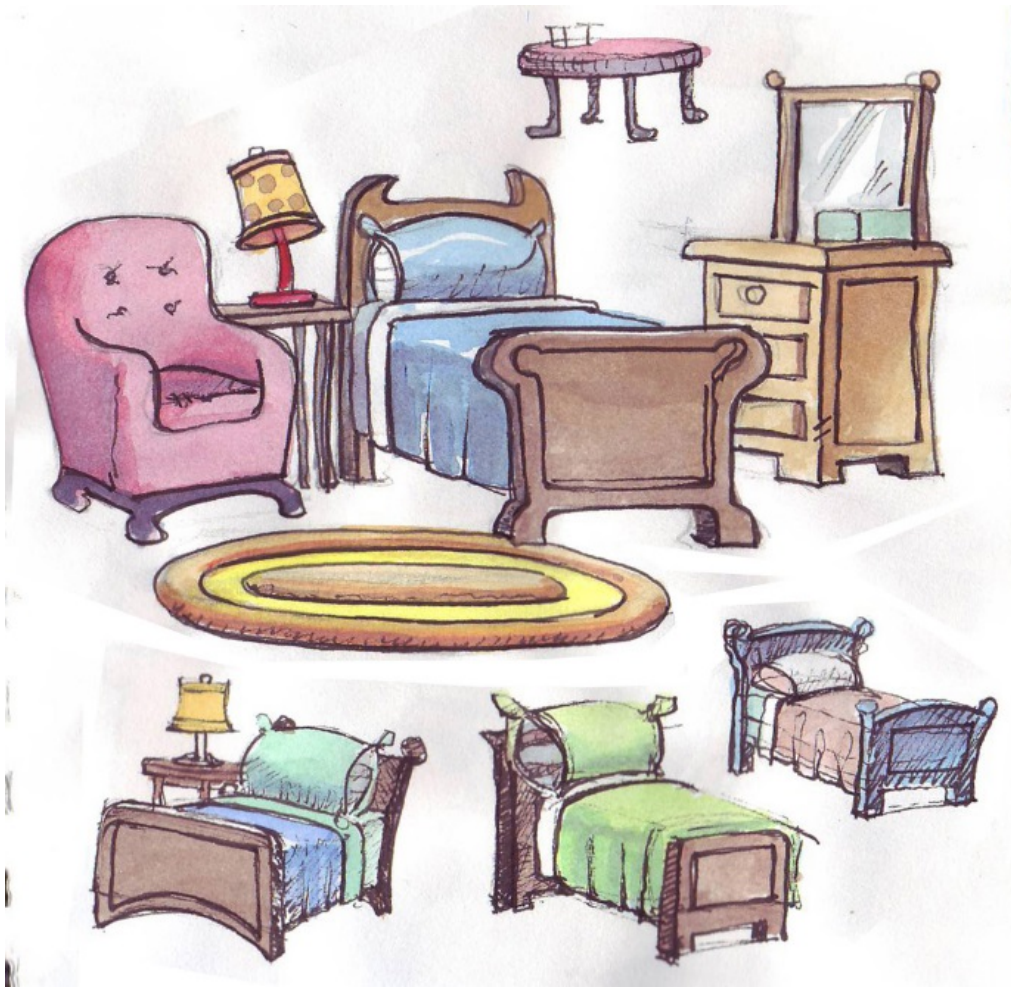


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We recommend that you are familiar with Harmony for 2D or Maya for 3D. It is not essential but will make learning animation workflow easier.

Character animation is a craft. The program is intense. The faculty is with you all day all week, to help you 'Master the fundamentals, there is nothing else.' You are here to learn so attendance is mandatory.

Send us copies of pages from your sketchbooks, samples of cartoons and character designs, location sketches, and life drawings. We require a minimum of 12 pieces. A page with six drawings counts as one piece. Send more than 12 if they showcase your skills. If you have animation or films to show us, send links to your work on a website, blog, Youtube, Vimeo, Deviant Art or Flickr pages, or as jpegs or a compressed Zip folder attached to an email:

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