

# VanArts 2D and 3D Character Animation Programs

## Portfolio Submission notes from the VanArts Character Animation Faculty

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

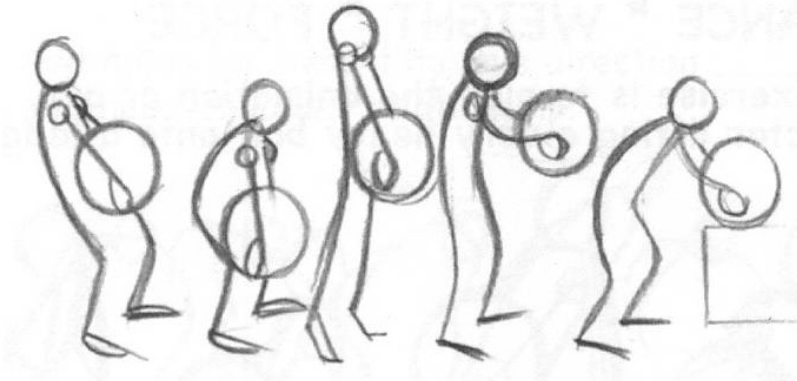
Our Summer Intensive Courses are ideal introductions to the school and your chosen program of study. You can take one week of 2D or/and one week of 3D. The cost of the Summer Intensive is deducted from your tuition if you apply for a full-time program.

Drawing is important, even in the digital world. We emphasize planning animation before starting a shot. If you want to strengthen your drawing skills before applying, we recommend that you purchase *Simplified Drawing for Planning Animation*. <http://www.anamie.com/books/simplified-drawing/>

If you purchase a copy, bring your receipt and we will reimburse you.

\* We want to see sketches of characters in motion, expressive poses, and character designs. Send us copies of pages from your sketchbooks, samples of cartoons, location sketches, and life drawings. 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. 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.

We do **NOT** want to see Illustrations, paintings, portraits in your portfolio submission.

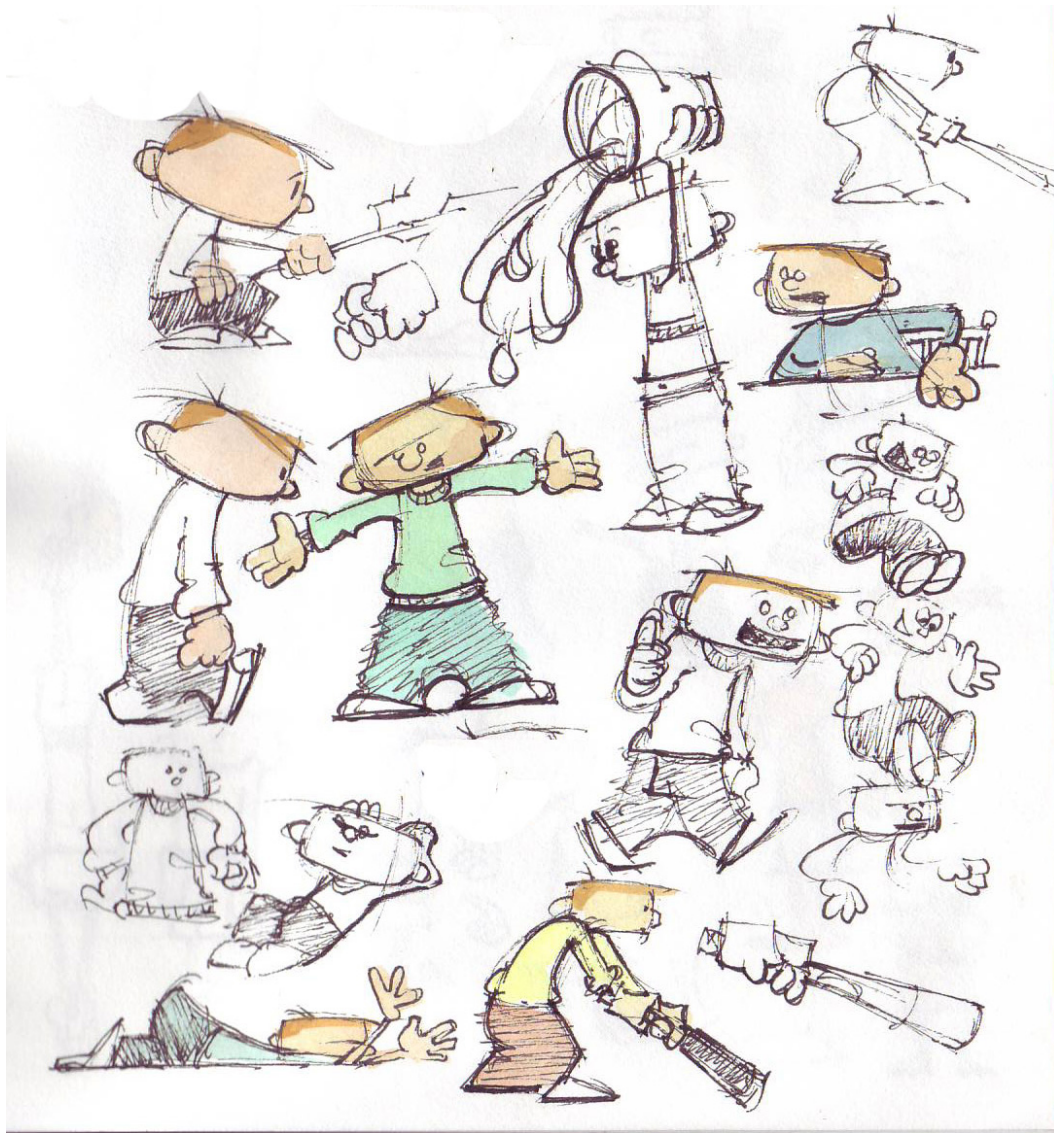


We require a minimum of 12 pages of artwork.

- 6 pages (minimum) of character poses like the examples on the next page. Each page is to have at least 6 character pose drawings.
- 6 examples (minimum) of your drawing skills including location and object sketches that show your understanding of perspective.
- Send more than 12 pieces if they showcase your drawing skills.
- If you have animation 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:

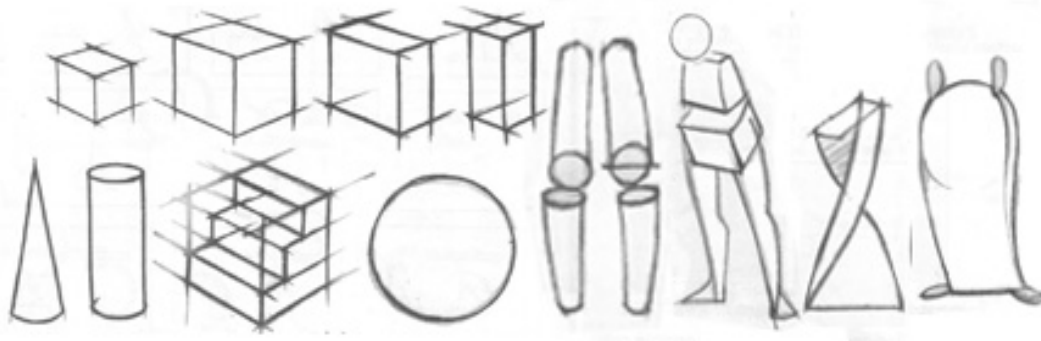
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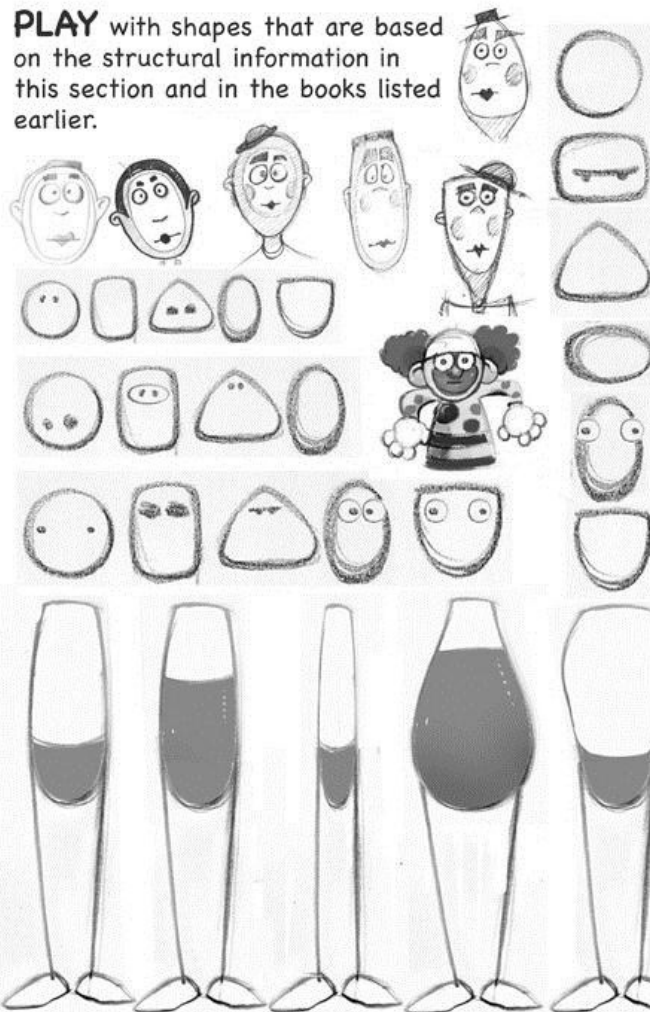


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We want to see that you can draw simple geometric shapes and objects in perspective. You will learn more about drawing in your Animation, Life Drawing, and Story, and Visual Language courses at VanArts.

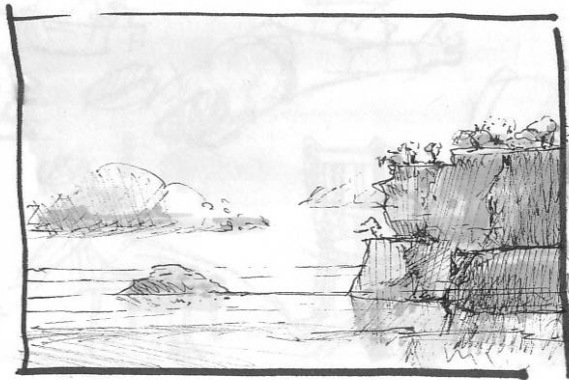
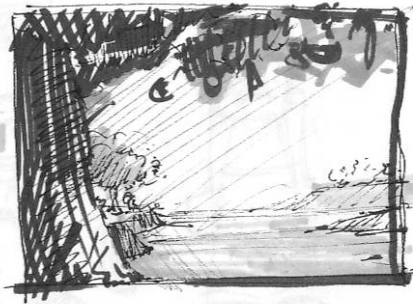
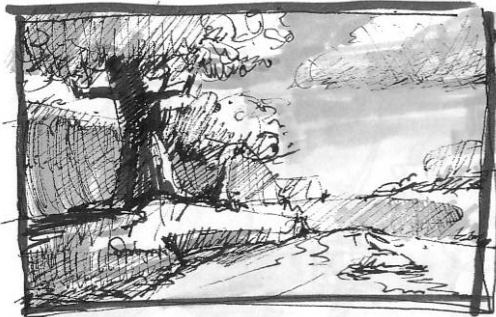
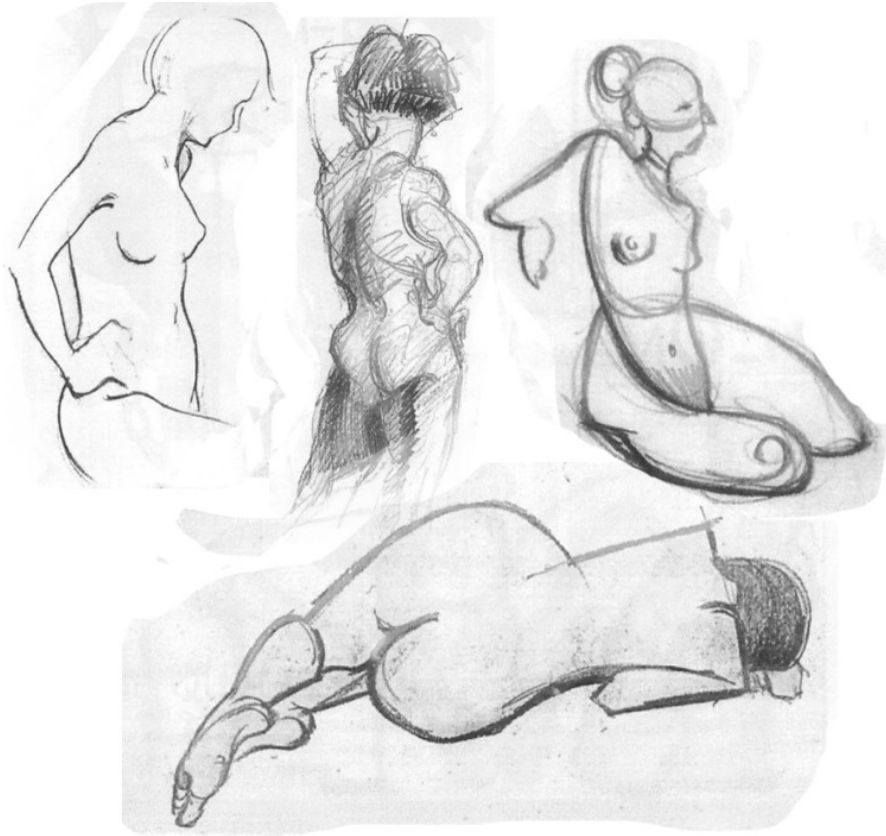


**PLAY** with shapes that are based on the structural information in this section and in the books listed earlier.



simplified drawing for planning animation [www.anamie.com](http://www.anamie.com)

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