



Danielle Ongo

Illustrator | Comics artist | Character Designer

Education:

2017-2021- Shenkar College graduate with a B.Des degree in Visual Communication.

2012-2015- design and art studies at Gimnasya Gan Nahum high school.

Graduated with honnors.

Work Experience:

2022-today- Lecturing at schools nationwide (Israel) as part of "Medabrim Plus" program.

2020-today- Pro Seller on Fiverr (illustration and character design).

2017-today- Freelance illustrator (book illustration, board games illustration, editorial illustration, illustration for advertising, comics, 2D animation and selling prints).

2019-today – teaching illustration and comic workshops for children in elementary schools.

2019-2020 - Art director at "Mikhall".

2015-2017- Army service as a graphic designer and head animator- head of the graphic design department at Home Front Command. Awarded the Home Front Command excellence award.

Softwares:

Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Media Encoder, Adobe XD), Procreate, Clip Studio Paint EX, Affinity Designer, Audacity, Moho.

Areas of expertise:

illustration, character design, branding illustration, traditional animation, video editing, photo editing, comics, children book illustration, storyboarding, graphic design, Infographic design, cut-out and 2D animation, concept art, game art.

Languages:

English- Full professional proficiency

French- Limited working proficiency

Hebrew- Native proficiency

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Exhibitions

September 2026- 45ème Salon de l'Humour de Saint-Just-le-Martel Haute Vienne France- I participated in the 45th International Exhibition of Caricature, Press Cartoon & Humor in Saint-Just-le-Martel and showcased 3 illustrations in the exhibition "Life Under Rockets" alongside 20 Israeli cartoonists.

June 2026- Point Of View - when colors and life meet- I participated in a group exhibition alongside five visually impaired artists at the Nalaga'at Center in Jaffa port. The exhibition was held for Blind Day and in collaboration with The Israel Center for the Blind.

February 2026- "The Year That Was 2025: A Focused Summary"- The annual exhibition of the best of Israeli cartooning - Israeli cartoon association, Bet Gabriel BaKineret.

- Blue and White Heroes - I exhibited alongside 50 artists from all over the country in the exhibition that opened the new comics museum at Mediatech, Holon. I presented my illustrations in the "October 7th Room."

September 2024- 43ème Salon de l'Humour de Saint-Just-le-Martel Haute Vienne France- I participated in the 43rd International Exhibition of Caricature, Press Cartoon & Humor in Saint-Just-le-Martel and exhibited 2 illustrations relating to the 2023 Hamas-led attack on Israel along with 32 Israeli illustrators.

November 2023- "SCBWI British Isles Conference 2023"- My illustrations were showcased in the SCBWI British Isles annual conference at Manchester Metropolitan University.

October 2021- "SENSI DELL'ARTE | Art Senses"- International Exhibition of Contemporary Art with blind and partially sighted artists | Galleria Spaziografico, Massa Marittima.

February 2021 - "Proportions" - the annual exhibition of the Department of Visual Communication at Shenkar. Curators: Batia Kolton and Mushon Zer-Aviv.

- "Adding to the Light" - an exhibition at the East Netanya Community Center at the "Extraordinary February" events and as part of the launch of the anthology "Adding to the Light" by Esther Dagan-Kaniel.

December 2015 - "Reflecting Light" - first solo exhibition in "Doma'e"- Home for Designed Events, Ness Ziona. Curator: Lee Pelle-Zinger.

September 2015- "SENSI DELL'ARTE | Art Senses"- III International Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Art with blind and partially sighted artists | Milano.

June 2014- "Art 6/6" in collaboration with The Israel Center for the Blind at "Blind Day".

Awards and Certificates

June 2021- Excellency diploma issued by Shenkar College for outstanding academic achievement in 2019- 2020 academic year.

October 2020 - Completion of the "Fiverr Empower Seller Program" - A program to train people with disabilities as independent digital sellers on Fiverr.

May 2016 - Home Front Command excellence award for the 68th Independence Day of Israel.

August 2015 - Completion of the IDF basic training with an Excellency diploma.

June 2015 – High school Principal award- I got an Excellency diploma for outstanding academic and social excellence.

December 2011 - Winning first place in a comics competition for 7th -12th grade students. Judge: Michel Kichka.

Selected press, interviews and projects

June 2026- An article in the Israeli weekly women's magazine 'La'Isha' in the section "Every Woman Has a Story" by Tzipora Roman, as part of my participation in the exhibition "Blue-White Heroes" at the Comics Museum in Holon. Issue 4123, 18.5.26.

<https://www.ynet.co.il/laisha/article/s1zhxkfkzx>

June 2024- guest speaker at Meta Israel's design department - discussion about design and accessibility.

October 2023- my art was featured in "Words And Pictures" Open Sketchbook Feature, showcasing talented SCBWI illustrators from around the world. In association with SCBWI British Isles.

May 2022- article on "ICE- Information, Communication, Economic" In the marketing and advertising section as part of illustrations I did for the ad campaign "the last second" for Ecommunity: Israeli Pride: A visually impaired illustrator has won international respect, 25.5.22:

<https://www.ice.co.il/advertising-marketing/news/article/859196>

May 2021 - Interview on the program "NEXT" with Dror Gloverman on Channel 12 in Israel. Season 4, episode "Making a living from the internet - anyone can".

- "Fiverr Empower" infomercial- I starred in a short film by Fiverr describing their unique program for people with disabilities. Directed by Daniel Binsted.

February 2021 - Interview for N12 (channel 12 in Israel) about Fiverr: "The Israeli winner of the Super Bowl: a friend from Binyamina."

August 2020- Participation in "Moving Words" of "Arts by The People" at the "Animix" festival.

April 2020 - Participation in Loopdeloop Israel's #Bidud challenge.

February 2020 - Participation in LoopdeLoop Israel- Submission of an animation on the theme "Whoops". Winning 4th place at the competition in Israel.

July 2019 - Creation of an animated bumper for the "Animix" festival. I was chosen to represent Shenkar College along with 4 other students.

May 2019- interview to The Jerusalem Post - "The language of T.O.M: How one organization is working to help the disabled".

<https://www.jpost.com/jerusalem-report/the-language-of-tom-how-one-organization-is-working-to-help-the-disabled-589907>