



# Danielle Ongo

Illustrator | Comics artist | Character Designer

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## 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:

**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.

**2022-2024-** Lecturing at schools nationwide (Israel) as part of "Medabrim Plus" program.

**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.

## interpersonal skills:

Creativity, listening, public speaking, time management, availability, teamwork, courteous service, diligence and motivation.

## Languages:

English- Full professional proficiency

French- Limited working proficiency

Hebrew- Native proficiency

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## Exhibitions

**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 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Judge: Michel Kichka.

## Selected press, interviews and projects

**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. <https://www.wordsandpics.org/2023/10/open-sketchbooks-autumn-part-1.html>

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>