



Key terms: Pencil test; traditional animation; tradigital animation; 2D animation; character performance; key frames; breakdowns; in-betweens; sakuga; gesture; form; figure drawing; live-action reference.

Illusion of Life Folio 1

Benjamin Mansur
MAGI 2019

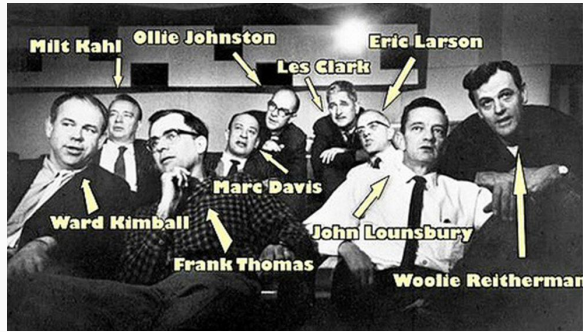
Intention

- Investigate the notion of movements that are drawn rather than drawings that move (Norman McLaren)
- Study movement and motion through video references (not rotoscope)
- Focus on creating 3D form and spatial awareness to prevent flat drawings

Context

- This project should allow me to apply my findings in my Studio 1 Folio 2, which explored what it means to create expressive character animation
- Characters communicate expression through;
 - **personality, emotion & intelligence**
- “Expressive, not excessive”, more focus on keyframes than inbetweening

Field & Site



Disney's Nine Old Men - 12 Principles of Animation



Glen Keane -

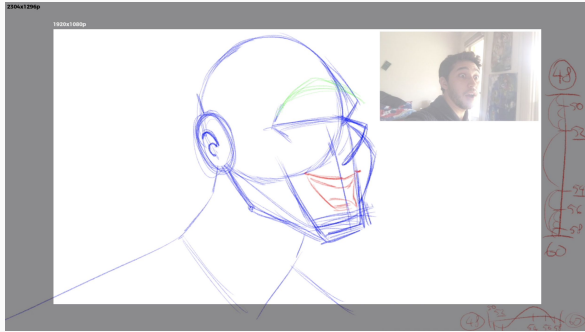
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qnQqXr838E>



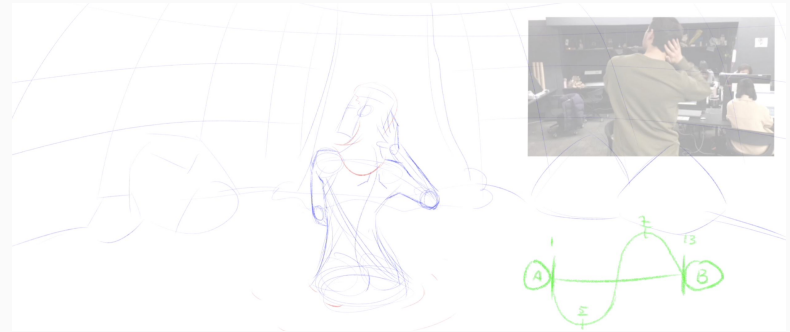
Studio Ghibli

- Traditional character animation techniques
- Pencil tests
- Keyframes & breakdowns & timing charts

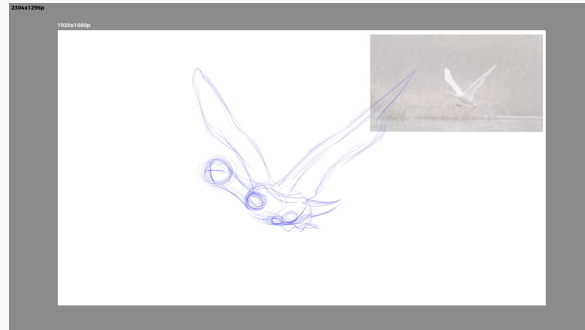
Tests & Experiments



Head Turn - https://youtu.be/Ot_To0AuBv4



Bathing - <https://youtu.be/e3l-eDucLsg>



Bird Fly Locomotion - <https://youtu.be/8Kk0a1fhe3c>

Scope

Objects:

- A collection of short pencil test animations
- Animate a lot of things I've never animated before in relation to character
- Testing of different follow-through & overlapping animation variations

Outcomes:

- Exploration of character movements, expressions & locomotion
- Achieve a better understanding of movement in a character's whole anatomy
- Better application of 3D form and spatial awareness in my animation

References

- Disney's Nine Old Men [Image File]. (2017). Retrieved 2019, August 22 from <https://www.wdwparkhoppers.com/walts-nine-old-men/>
- Glen Keane Duet [Image File]. (2015). Retrieved 2019, August 22 from <https://framexframe.tumblr.com/post/128186142038/glen-keanes-duet>
- Amber Dust. (2014). Duet - Gen Head HD (2014) [Video File]. Retrieved 2019, August 22 from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qnQqXr838E>
- Spirited Away Pencil Test [Image File]. (2016). Retrieved 2019, August 23 from <https://twitter.com/ronniedelcarmen/status/808129546008416258>