HATIM BENHSAIN

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EDUCATION

WORK EXPERIENCE

NYU Tisch, New York, NY, USA (2023-2025)

MFA in Game Design

NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2017-2021)

BA in Interactive Media, Minor in Game Design and in Sound and Music Computing

SKILLS

Computer

C++ Processing
Python p5.js
Unity Pro Tools
GameMaker Max 8
HTML Photoshop
CSS LUA
JavaScript Office
Godot

Other Languages

Comics English
Illustration French
Pixel Art Arabic
Composition Darija
Piano

Music and Sound Cultures, Abu Dhabi, UAE (2021-2023)

Solo Game Development Contractor

- > Coded and designed a JavaScript web app that showcases traditional music from the region (Konnakol) and plays transcribed music back to the user.
- > Created a GameMaker Studio rhythm game inspired by pearl-diver music from the Arab Gulf.

Freelancer (2021-2023)

Game Designer & Creative Coder

- > Programmed an Arduino and a web app and provided electrical diagrams for a live art installation.
- > Created a Unity serious game for a mental health startup.

Creative Technologies, Dubai, UAE (2022)

Solo Game Development Contractor

> Programmed and acted as the lead developer for a multiplayer VR Unity online game that involved motion tracking for a leading telecommunications company in Saudi Arabia.

Hallpass Studios (2021)

Pixel Artist and 2D Animator

- > Created environmental and character 2D pixel art assets and animated them.
- > Programmed the animations on Godot.

AWARDS

Briefs 23 (2023)

> Received a grant of \$1000 towards a walking simulator to be completed in 1 month.

Brainmind Residency (2021)

> Received a grant of \$2000 towards a visual novel to be completed in 3 months.