

## EXPERIENCE

### Illustrator

Mercedes-Benz | Nov 2024 - Dec 2024 (Freelance)

- Sketched, Conceptualized & Painted an Illustration.

### Background Painter

The Hidden Hand Studios | Nov 2023 - March 2024 (Freelance)

- Painted Detailed Backgrounds, maintaining the project's style.
- Established Color Keys, and worked on the color script.

### Visual Development Artist

Blauw Films | Nov 2022 - Oct 2023 (Freelance)

- Refined Color Keys, Colorsript and Lighting based on Art Director feedback.
- Created Detailed Film Backgrounds, maintaining film style.
- Collaborated for Seamless Background Integration to enhance storytelling.

### Intern

Udo Games| Jul 2022 - Aug 2022, Turkey

- Collaborated on character and UI concept development with fellow developers.
- Engaged in cross-disciplinary projects and ideation.

### UI, 2D/3D Game Artist and Illustrator

Woody Entertainment|Mar 2021 - Oct 2021, Turkey

- Worked on multiple fast-paced projects while incorporating feedback.
- Adapted and created artistic styles for games.
- Contributed to pipeline standards and problem-solving.
- Responsibilities included 2D and 3D asset creation, illustrations, character, user interface, and logo designs.
- Designed engaging social media posts and stories.

### Volunteer Staff (Stafi)

Toronto Animation Arts Festival International(TAAFI)| 2022

- Organized candidate lineups and job interviews.
- Assisted and directed candidates in the waiting room.
- Volunteered at the MARZ VFX booth during the job fair.

## EDUCATION

### French as a Foreign Language (DEFLE)

Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France | 2026 - ongoing

### Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering (English)

Turkish Aeronautical Association University, Turkey | 2019 - 2023

### Rise Up Animation Mentorship

- Mentored by Monica Lago-Kaytis and Kendal Cronkhite.
- Had Visual Development portfolio feedback sessions for artistic growth.

### Bill Perkins - Tuesday Talks

- Learning under Bill Perkins on composition, color and light.

## RECOGNITIONS

- Trojan Horse was a Unicorn-Supercell Ticket Winner(Golden Ticket) | 2022
- Trojan Horse was a Unicorn-Creator's Circle Sponsorship | 2023
- Bold Journey - An Inspired Chat with Övgü Yeles| 2025
- Voyage LA - Daily Inspiration: Meet Övgü Aria Yeles |2024
- Canvasrebel - Meet Övgü Yeles |2023
- Rise Up Animation Newsletter | 2021, 2022
- My Little Pony, Hasbro Art Contest-Hasbro Turkey | May 2018
- Disney's Art Contest-Disney Turkey| Apr 2018
- The Art of Love - Faber-Castell Turkey | Feb 2016

## SKILLS

**Traditional** / Marker, Gouache, Charcoal, Graphite

**Digital**/ Adobe Photoshop, Procreate, Blender, Zbrush, Microsoft Office

**Language** / English and Turkish

**Interests** / Writing, Acting, Musicals, Cinematography, Nature