


Jack M. Ruttan
Freelance Writer / Illustrator
Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

Workshop Leader in comics creation for grades 4 to 6 – **Open City Productions.**

Canada Census Cleanup (telephone) – Montreal, summer 2001.

Clerk, S.W. Welch Used and Rare Books, Montreal.

Film Librarian and Media Assistant – **The University of Calgary Communications Media.**

Graphic Artist – **The Calgary Zoo.**

Communications and Graphics – **The In-Definite Arts Society, Calgary.**

Education

BA in Humanities (English Lit.) – **The University of Calgary, 1985.**

Music Theatre Studio Ensemble and Summer Writing Program – **Banff Centre for the Arts.**

Art Credits

Concept Art for the TV series **Rank the Prank.** **Bing Productions** for **YTV, BBC - Youth.**

Storyboards for **Li'l Woodzeez App for Kids.**

Storyboards and **concept drawings** for many projects and short films.

Portrait artist for the **Just for Laughs Comedy Festival,** Montreal, 2013.

Cartoon column RUTTAN for **Books in Canada Magazine,** 1990-1991.

Illustration for clients including **McGill University Communications, Desjardins Bank, News Extra** (a supermarket tabloid), and **The Office of the Governor General of Canada,** as well as many others.

Media: Watercolours, Pen & Ink, Pencil, Digital (**Photoshop** and **Illustrator**).

Exhibitions

- KINO SPACE at the **Twist Gallery**, Toronto. **Story illustrations** for a project WEDGEWOOD DR. written and directed by Jonathan Balazs, 2015.
- INK ON THE EDGE – 15 Montreal Cartoonists. **Tadu Contemporary Art Centre**, Bangkok, Thailand, 2004. Also served as visiting artist, and conducted comics creation workshops.

Writing Credits

- WHAT'S THAT ABOUT? Seasons 2 & 3, **Pixcom Productions** for **Discovery Channel / Canal D**. **Scripts and narration** for seven complete 1-hour episodes of a science documentary show.
- CREATING THE LORD OF THE RINGS SYMPHONY: A COMPOSER'S JOURNEY. For **Bravo TV** and **The Lord of the Rings – Return of the King** extended edition DVD set. "Making of" documentary directed by Pierre Séguin, with Howard Shore for **Amérimage-Spectra**.

Other Experience

Web writing for HOW IT'S MADE (Online version of **Discovery Canada** Series) for **Productions MAJ**.

Freelance writing and research of presentation documents for film and television projects. Clients include **Espace Franco Images, Trio Orange, CMJ Productions, Cirrus Communications, Amérimage-Spectra, Pixcom Productions** and others.

Translation from French to English.

Arts journalist and book reviewer for publications including **Canadian Woman Studies, The Rover, The Montreal Mirror, The Montreal Gazette, HOUR Weekly, The Calgary Sun, La revue Espace, Books in Canada, Montreal Review of Books, Canadian Art**, and many others. Weekly **visual arts writer** for **The Montreal Mirror**. **News writer** for **HOUR**.

Secretary for the **Electronic Rights Defense Committee (ERDC)**.