



STEVE STAMATIADIS

Creative Director and Co-founder

As Creative Director and Co-founder, Steve Stamatiadis is the creative vein behind most of Krome Studios' award-winning art and visuals. He manages a team of more than 40 staff while acting as the chief character designer and is also in charge of original Intellectual Property including co-creating Krome's flagship *TY the Tasmanian Tiger* series.

Mr. Stamatiadis works alongside Krome's other principle, CEO Robert Walsh, to strategically position and further the company's status as Australia's largest game developer and as a leading independent player in the worldwide game development community. Established in 1999, the company employs more than 100 full service game creators and has won more than 15 awards.

Mr. Stamatiadis' professional experience in game development spans over a decade with roles as game designer, character designer and art director on a series of award-winning titles. He has created more than 500 unique characters for multiple mediums – games, movies, comics, etc. He is also credited as a founding member of the Australian games development community. He helped to establish one of the first development houses -- Gee Whiz! Entertainment in 1996– where he was responsible for overseeing and inspiring all design, art and visual-related areas on a series of innovative titles including *Halloween Harry* and *Flight of the Amazon Queen*.

While still in high school, Mr. Stamatiadis knew that he wanted to get into the interactive entertainment field after getting his first computer and seeing the theatrical release of "Tron" – which remains a favorite of his, to date. He immersed himself in the arcade scene where he spent endless hours pouring through all things gaming related including magazines, books, etc.

Mr. Stamatiadis draws creative inspiration and ideas from just about everything and anything. This includes mis-typed words he comes across in documents, signage, emails and other random places that he collects and stores for later reference in an ongoing file. He is active within the comic / anime scene where he writes and draws a weekly web comic, "Blade Kitten" which has been translated into Japanese. Mr. Stamatiadis, 36, studied at the Queensland College of Art where he trained for a BS in Animation. He received the Best Original Character Design award at the 2002 and 2004 AGDC.

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