Compositor and 3D Artist

Tech-savvy and solution-oriented professional with hands-on experience in 2D and 3D compositing, as well as managing animation projects and creating graphics, visual effects, animations, and videos by using both 2D and 3D techniques.

Qualifications Summary

- Proficient in compositing, lighting, and troubleshooting shots for TV and animated films; and interpreting color keys.
- Skilled at integrating 2D and 3D elements into plate photography, creating stylized and photo-real scenes.
- Experienced at color-matching with technical accuracy, managing motion capture, 3D painting, and sculpting. •
- Well-versed in executing VFX tasks, including particles, modeling, lighting, animation, look development, and texturing.
- Proven record of collaborating with artists, understanding project requirements, and conceptualizing creative ideas.
- Out-of-the-box thinker and creative problem-solver with exceptional interpersonal, leadership, and analytical skills.

Areas of Expertise

- Compositing •
- VFX Tasks Management ٠
- Texturing & UV Mapping

3D Animation

- Team Leadership & Training
- Project Management

- Scripting/Pipeline Optimizing
- Troubleshooting
- Look Development

Technical Skills

Fusion, Nuke, After Effects, Blender, Maya, Substance Painter/Designer, Resolve, 3D Printing, 3D Capture, 3D Sculpting, VFX Supervision, Simulations, Particle Effects, Premier, Photoshop, Camera Tracking, Houdini, Generative AI.

Career Experience

Compositor at Floyd County Productions, Atlanta, GA 2023 - 2024 Composited for an animated TV Show on Hulu. Built scripts, macros, and tools for team use to enhance proficiency.

- Integrated 2D, 3D, video, and particle elements into shots. •
- Developed Color, Lighting, composition, and VFX for scenes, including complex scene transitions.

Lead 3D Animator at ECG Productions, Atlanta, GA

Promoted to Lead 3D Animator. Supported and trained team members in animation/VFX. Developed pipelines.

- Facilitated numerous clients by creating 2D, 3D, and VFX videos using compositing and animation techniques.
- Planned and managed complex 2D and 3D animation projects from inception to completion within time and budget.

Highlight Project

Hit Monkey, Season 2 - Marvel/Hulu

- Worked on all 10 episodes as a compositor, establishing lighting, building compositions, and troubleshooting.
- Incorporated technical and artistic skills to take on challenging shots to improve overall team efficiency.

Awards & Recognitions

Bestowed with silver and gold awards at 42nd Annual Telly Awards. Winner at the LAFA Awards. Finalist at the Cannes World Film Festival in 2021. (Generation Ocean: Sharks)

Won Best Documentary at the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival in 2022. (Against All Odds - Surviving the Holocaust) Additional Experience: Photoshop Imaging Technician at National Geographic Society

Volunteer Experience: Vice Chair ACM SIGGRAPH Student Chapter | SIGGRAPH 2013/2015 Student Volunteer

Education & Credentials

B.F.A.: Animation, Minor: Technical Direction, Graduated Magna Cum Laude at Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA B.A.: Art Studio; Digital Art, Graduated Cum Laude at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

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