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Objective

To work in the television and film industry, creating stunning visual effects using 3D and post production techniques.

Software

Softimage XSI
Autodesk Maya
Zbrush
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Premiere Pro
Final Cut Pro
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Flash
Adobe Dreamweaver
Python

Experience

3D Generalist, SpeakEasy FX, Westfield, NJ 2008–Present

Project - Sesame Street - Abby's Flying Fairy School

- Aided render wranglers by creating an all in one Python script to take animation files to finished render versions with a single click of a button. Automation included:
 - Updated all referenced models.
 - Plotted all simulations and made character specific fixes.
 - Created and assigned objects to Materials, Passes, and Partitions.
 - Imported and properly placed light rigs.
 - Fixed layout errors to enhance continuity.
- Created master composite trees for individual episodes and supervised junior level compositors proliferation of master tree to all episode shots.
- Modeling and surfacing of props and environments.

Adjunct Professor, Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ 2008

- Courses Taught: Special Effects, Video 1, Video 2
- Using a variety of software programs students learn video production and post production techniques i.e. scripting, storyboarding, lighting, filming, editing, green screening, rotoscoping, and compositing.

3D Generalist, High Adventure Game Design, Philadelphia, PA 2005-2008

- Satisfied various production needs through research and development with programming team.
- Created 3D characters and environment models in accordance to style guide and art direction.
- Worked closely with the Texture Team to ensure texture style suited the project.
- Created and applied textures and UV's to 3D models.
- Static Environmental model placement in 3D world.
- Various pipeline decisions: file formats, Application usage and more.

Education

Rutgers University, New Jersey 2008

BA in Fine Arts with a major in Computer Animation.

Exhibits

Artwork displayed at the Generation to Generation Exhibition.

Stedman Gallery, Camden, New Jersey 2008

Artwork displayed in the Matter Book, Rutgers University 2007.

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