Professional FX TD with 3 years of Houdini experience and a background in Design and Technology

## **Industry Experience**

Jan 2023 - Ongoing

Junior FX Technical Director DNEG (Sydney)

- Part of foundation team for George Miller's Mad Max: Furiosa, initial 10 employees
- Created a Sandstorm simulation asset: multiple layers of Ground and Sky Volumes, Sandsnakes and Windlips particulates. Ingest of massive sets in alembic and USD, collision prep, per-shot changes, batch-processed by myself and other FX TDs, wedged layers' renders in Mantra, slapcomps in Nuke, QC in Clarisse, for 3 sequences
- Templated clustered Dust, Haze, Atmos simulations for up to ~15 000 crowd agents
- Choreographed glass and bullets RBD, moving Pyro Fire simulations in continuity
- RnD on Vehicle Trails and Rooster Tails: Dust, Sand, Gravel, Tire Marks simulations
- Limited Flip Oil iterations; Pyro Explosions, Heightfields and OTL contributions
- Created large-scale dust and vapour simulations for DNEG Vancouver on a film
- Created sparks, muzzle flashes and smoke simulations for DNEG Mumbai on a film
- Actively supported incoming FXers and participated in studio-organised events
- Troubleshooted pipeline and software-related issues, raised Jira tickets

July 2021 - Oct 2022

Junior FX Artist

Fin Design + Effects (Sydney)

- Templated a layered cloth and an intricate set of hundreds of connected wires, cables, tubes, hardware parts simulations on *M3GAN* with Vellum. RnD on Oil, Muzzle Flashes, Scorch Marks, Electrical Discharges, made custom deformer solver
- Created assets of Sparks, Steam, Smoke, Flags, Heathaze, Rocket Exhaust Flames, Magical String on Three Thousand Years of Longing, Interceptor, The Nevers Part 2
- RnD: Water ripples on *Ticket to Paradise*, flamethrower on *The Curse of Bridge Hollow*
- Shaded and/or Rendered in Karma, Mantra, Redshift; Bashcomped in Nuke
- Buddy for an incoming Junior FX Artist, covered pipeline & best practices

## Education

2020

Graduate Certificate in Animation and Visualisation

Animal Logic Academy, University of Technology Sydney

- Houdini particle FX, Renderman shading RnD on short film *Spirit*, developed a system to animate paintings based on a popsolver
- Unity HDRP RnD for a real-time rendered project Origin
- Basic lookdev and farm submissions using Katana

2018 - 2021

Master of Interaction Design and Electronic Arts

University of Sydney

- Project-based work with Arduino, Processing, Unity, Digital Fabrication in E.g. Assistive Technologies, Digital Placemaking, Quantified Self
- Short-Term Exchanges at KAIST (Korea, 2018) and Aalto University (2021)
- Semester Exchange at <u>Parsons School of Design</u> in Design and Technology E.g. working with Unity VFX Graph, C# & OptiTrack mo-cap (USA, 2019)

2015 - 2018

Bachelor of Design Computing

University of Sydney

- User-Centred Design driven project work in themes encompassing E.g. Show Curation, Machine Learning, Medical Devices
- Exhibited a <u>projection mapping group-project</u> at *Vivid Sydney* (2015)
- 2 Semesters Exchange at <u>Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München</u> in Mediainformatics Human-Computer Interaction, CDTM (Germany, 2016-17)

## References

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