# Somar Jaafar

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## **SUMMARY**

I hold a bachelor's in **Computer Science**, and am currently pursuing a Fine Arts degree in **Computation Arts**. I'm an award-winning interactive art creator with over **200 million Instagram impressions**. I have 2 years of experience developing 3D animation tools for blockbuster movies like *Guardians of the Galaxy 3*. I love collaborating with artists and technology to unleash creativity.

#### **SKILLS**

- **Programming:** Python, C++, Unreal Engine, Touch Designer, C#, Unity, JavaScript, Image processing.
- Visual Art: Maya, Blender, 3D Pipelines, Adobe Photoshop, Web Design, Lightroom, Photography.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Framestore April 2022 – March 2024

Assistant Technical Director

Montreal, OC

- Developed technical art tools for Maya, Nuke, and Linux using Python to improve 3D VFX workflows, allowing artists to focus on their craft and producers to work more efficiently.
- Created and documented a Maya framing tool to adjust camera distances while preserving shot and perspective.
- Troubleshot 3D software, pipeline, and rendering issues, reporting to the Head of Computer Graphics.

## Augmented Reality Design

January 2020 - Present

- Published 25+ AR experiences, accumulating 200+ million views across my AR Instagram portfolio.
- Exhibited my AR piece "Reciprocity Failure" at Concordia's Fusion 2023 Exhibition, where it earned the Rhona Richman Kenneally Award. It features custom written visual shaders and effects.

## Pole To Win (PTW)

April 2020 - September 2020

Functional QA Game Tester

Montreal, OC

Tested games against Sony's Technical Requirements to ensure builds pass certification and ship on time.

#### **EDUCATION**

Concordia University Expected Graduation: June 2026

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computation Arts – **Behaviour Interactive** Research Chair Scholarship Recipient

Montreal, QC

**Concordia University** 

Graduated June 2022

Bachelor of Computer Science, Computer Games Concentration

Montreal, QC

## **PROJECTS**

## Palm Presence — 3D Animation using Blender, Adobe Premiere Pro

August 2025

- Modelled, Textured, Rigged, and Animated cartoon palm trees alongside a desert oasis environment scene.
- Focused on stylization using shaders to create a digital mirage, commenting on the nature of joy and desire.

## Spirit Tales - Card Game

**April 2025** 

- Teamed up with 3 classmates to design a social deduction card game about sharing real and imagined stories.
- Designed a prototype with 44 unique cards, alongside a rulebook, documentation, and playtest analysis.