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Resume

+ Education

Artcenter College of Design
BSID Product Design with Honors, 2003

+Published Work

The Skillful Huntsman
Design Studio Press 2004

Concept Design 2
Design Studio Press 2005

The Art of Bee Movie
Chronicle Books 2007

The Art of How to Train Your Dragon
Chronicle Books 2010

+ Work Experience

- Feature Animation

Puss in Boots
Dreamworks Animation
Visual Development Artist
2011

Me & My Shadow
Dreamworks Animation
Visual Development Artist
2011

Kung Fu Panda 2
DVD Featurette
Dreamworks Animation
Visual Development Artist
2010

Kung Fu Panda 2
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Jennifer Yuh Nelson
pd Ramon Zibach
Visual Development Artist
2008-2010

How to Train Your Dragon
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Chris Sanders
pd Kathy Alteri
Visual Development Artist
2007-2008

Alcatraz
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Tim Johnson
pd Christian Schellewald
Visual Development Artist
2008

Shrek the Musical
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Jason Moore
pd Guillaume Aretos
Visual Development Artist
2008

Monsters vs. Aliens
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Rob Letterman, Conrad Vernon
pd David James
Visual Development Artist
2008

Nemo Pitch
Kanbar Entertainment
Concept Illustrator
2006

Bee Movie
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Steve Hickner, Simon Smith
pd Alex McDowell
Visual Development Artist
2006

Flushed Away
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Sam Fell, David Bowers
pd David James
Visual Development Artist
2003 - 2006

- Live Action Feature Film

Jonah Hex
Warner Brothers
dir. Jimmy Hayward
Storyboard Artist
2009

Clash of the Titans
Warner Brothers
dir. Louis Leterrier
pd Martin Laing
Concept Illustrator
2008

"Z"
Sobini Films/Lionsgate Films
dir Rpin Suwannath
pd François Audouy
Concept Illustrator
2008

Hotel for Dogs
Dreamworks Animation
dir. Thor Freudenthal
Concept Illustrator
2007

Avatar/Project 880
Lightstorm
dir. James Cameron
pd Martin Laing
Concept Illustrator
2005

Underdog
Spyglass Pictures
dir. Frederick Du Chau
Concept Illustrator
2005

- Video Games

Untitled Jax and Daxter Game
High Impact Studio
Concept Artist
2008

Unannounced Project
Big Fish Games
Concept Artist
2008

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Drake's Fortune
Naughty Dog
Concept Designer
2006

Untitled Project
Crystal Dynamics
Concept Designer
2006

Tabla Rasa
NcSoft
Concept Designer
2006

Mattel
AcceleRacers Card Game
Illustrator
2004

Fantasy Flight Games
Assorted Collectible Card Games
Illustrator
2004

Age of Legends
Big Huge Games
Concept Designer
2003

- Commercials

"Clockwork"
Brighthouse Commercial
dir. Michael Chaves
Concept Illustrator
2008

You/They
UPS Commercial
Anonymous Content
pd Sean Hargreaves
Set Designer
2005

Arena
Best Buy Commercial
Tribal Scenery
Prod Sean Hargreaves
Concept Illustrator
2005

- Architectural Renderings

Marvel Superheroes Theme Park
Chimera Design
pd Ramsey Avery
Illustrator
2008

MGM/Harmon Las Vegas
Martha Schwartz
Illustrator
2007-2008

Assorted Projects
Landmark Entertainment
Concept Illustrator
2006-2008

- Miscellaneous

Rich Dad, Poor Dad
Faerl Enterprises
Illustrator
2003

Shrek 2 Merchandising Proposal
Dreamworks
Product Designer
2002

Tekbug Magazine
Illustrator
2002

- Instruction / Workshops

Art Center College of Design
- Design Process-Form
- Prop & Vehicle Design
- Viscomm 2
Instructor
2007 - Present

Game Cinematic Instructional DVD
Gnomon Workshop
2006

Otis College of Art + Design
Viscomm 4
Instructor
2004

Art Center College of Design,
Product Design Sketching Workshop
2002-2003

+ Skills

- Digital

High knowledge of Windows 2000 / XP / MAC OS X operating systems including hardware customization and maintanence. Working knowledge of linux/unix operating systems.

- Advanced
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Corel Painter

- Intermediate
Adobe Indesign
Adobe Dreamweaver
Alias Maya
Alias Studiotools
Google Sketchup

- Analog

Strong foundation in traditional sketching, graphite/charcoal tonals and marker rendering.

+ Interests

Graphic Design, Photography, Printmaking, Automobiles

+ Awards & Affiliations

Universal / MCA Scholarship
General Motors Scholarship
Art Center Dean's List
Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout