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## VISUAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

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### **BAOBAB STUDIOS | LEAD CHARACTER DESIGNER** | October 2016 - Present

- Created appealing and believable character designs.
- Created style guides and call out sheets for character deformation, surfacing, posing, etc. for departments to follow.
- Provided notes and detailed draw overs to ensure character models and rigs stayed true to the original concepts.

### **BAOBAB STUDIOS | ART DIRECTOR** | July 2017 – January 2019

- Oversaw the art direction for multiple projects, including the Emmy award winning *Crow: The Legend* and *Bonfire*.
- Managed a team of artists and ensured all work was consistent with the style of the projects.
- Worked with director to bring their respective vision to life.

### **SOBA PRODUCTIONS | CONCEPT ARTIST** | 2016 – 2018

Partnered with artists across the industry to create *Sonder*, a short animated film.

- Produced high quality concept art as the visual guide for final renders.
- Created style guides & draw-overs for models, rigs, and posing for departments across the pipeline.

### **PULLSTRING INC. | CHARACTER DESIGNER** | June 2016 -October 2016

Created high quality visual development for video game and animation projects.

- Created character designs and environments to accompany high concept projects.

### **BLUE SKY STUDIOS | FREELANCE DEVELOPMENT ARTIST** | May 2016

Worked with directors to develop art for high concept pitches for Fox executives.

- Designed numerous appealing characters that are unique while staying true to the story.
- Brainstormed with directors to develop appealing art styles for multiple projects.

### **THE WISHGRANTER | ART DIRECTOR, CO-DIRECTOR** | 2015-2016

A 5-minute short animated film created in partnership with two teammates.

- Developed the overall look of the 5-minute film.
- Supervised and assisted teammates to ensure a cohesive style was kept through all stages of the pipeline.

## AWARDS

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**46<sup>th</sup> Daytime Emmy Awards** | *Crow: The Legend* | Outstanding Individual Achievement in Character Design

**Academy Award – Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences** | *The Wishgranter* | Student Academy

**National Board of Review** | *The Wishgranter* | Student Grant Winner

**College Television Awards** | *The Wishgranter* | Best Animation

**BAFTA Student Film Awards** | *The Wishgranter* | Best Animation

## EDUCATION

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**Ringling College of Art & Design**, Sarasota FL  
BFA, Computer Animation, May 2016.

Undertook Character Design courses from Pixar Artists at Animation Collaborative and Schoolism