3D Character Animator

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Profile

Passionate and motivated 3D animator with 3 years of experience specializing in feature films and game cinematics.

Experience 3D Animator / Crazy Maple Studio

2024, Sunnyvale, CA

- Created realistic car and helicopter animation in Blender.
- Created realistic wolf animation and merged it with live action footage.

3D Animator / FineSpline

2023, San Francisco, CA

- Created gameplay animations on the tactics game Shardbound with 10+ rigs ranging from humans and robots to quadrupeds and hexapods.
- Tested rigs and created realistic commercial animations for penguins for Masonite.

3D Animator / Hongli Animation Studio

2021-2022, Suzhou, China

- Created full body acting animations of feature films: Deep Sea (2023), Goodbye Monster (2022).
- Created both acting and combat animations of cinematic trailers: Honor of Kings, League of Legend: Wild Rift, Arknights.
- Taught 4 trainees animation principles and body mechanics following the syllabus twice a week.
- Best Newcomer Award (2021): Troubleshooted common software errors for the team, and increased the workflow efficiency of cleaning up scenes via additional online plugins.

3D Animator Intern/ Dancing CG Studio

2020, Suzhou, China

- Created layouts and realistic character animations for TV series Mysterious Treasures.
- Cleaned Motion Capture data, and animated the facial expressions and fingers for TV series Magical Legend Season 4.

Skills

- 3D handkey animation

Software - Maya

- MotionBuilder

- Motion capture clean up

- ZBrush

- Clothing and hair simulation

- Premiere

- Rigging

- After Effects

- Mandarin

- Unreal Engine

- English

- Blender

Education

Languages

MA in Animation / Academy of Art University

2024, San Francisco, CA

- Winner of Spring Award 2023 for 3D Animation Dialogue Test

BFA in Animation / California College of the Arts

2020, Oakland, CA

- The Creative Achievement Award (2017)