

Steven Zaharakis

Rigger/Animator

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SKILLS

- Maya
- Premiere Pro
- Vet/MTX
- AfterEffects
- MEL Scripting
- Flash
- Photoshop
- Perl, C/C++
- Win/Mac/Unix

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Jim Henson Company, Los Angeles, CA **2008 – 2009**

Rigging TD/Scene Assembly/Animation Cleanup

Sid the Science Kid, PBS

Havoc, FOX

- Rigged motion captured characters and props as well as created tools to help production pipeline
- Assembled scenes for animation, cleanup mocap data, and re-animated as needed

Halon Entertainment, Santa Monica, CA **2007 – 2008**

Previs Artist/Lead Rigger

G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra (2009)

- Previs Artist/Lead Rigger for feature film previs shots

Viewpoint, New York, NY **2005 – 2007**

Full Time 3D Artist/Developer

GE (Video Demos); ***AOL*** (Online 3D Advertisements)

- 3D Generalist responsible for modeling, animation, rigging, lighting, texturing, rendering for use in video

New York University, New York, NY **2004 – 2005**

Teaching Assistant

Advanced Character Animation, Scripting for Artists (Graduate Masters Classes)

- Responsible for teaching Advanced Character Animation principles of motion, timing, weight, anticipation, etc.
- Responsible for teaching a variety of programming languages (C, OpenGL, Renderman shading language, Perl, MEL, Cshell, UNIX shell) for use in 3D applications.

Computer Associates, Islandia, NY **2000 – 2002**

Software Engineer

eTrust Access Control

- Maintain source code, investigate/debug/create code level fixes for Unix and NT platforms

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, NY **2002 – 2004**

- Master of Science in 3D Graphics and Animation (Graduated with High Honors)

New York University, New York, NY **1996 – 2000**

- Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

HONORS & AWARDS

“Steamed” Independent Short Film **2005**

- Siggraph NYC MetroCAF Animation Festival selected for screening
- Berlin Film Festival Winner
- Top 25 Tribeca Film Festival Short Film