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**ILLUSTRATOR/ STORYBOARD ARTIST**

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## Experience

### Writer/Director

Sep 2019 – May 2020

*The Telepathetics*

Created 3 minute animation for SVA MFA Computer Arts Thesis project

### Curriculum and Development Artist

Feb 2013 - July 2019

*Nickelodeon / Blaze and the Monster Machines*

Created digital storybooks as pre-production art for animated series

### Storyboard Artist

May 2007 - July 2019

Created commercial storyboards for a variety of Companies

including MTV, Spike TV, TBWA Chiat Day, PEPSI, and others

### Adjunct Professor - *Storyboard Workshop*

Sep 2001 - Jun 2007

*New York University - CADA*

Instructed students in the development of storyboards for film and animation.

Created lesson plan/syllabus, and critiqued assignments

### Research Story Artist/ Art Coordinator

Sep 2001 - Jun 2005

*Nickelodeon/ Dora the Explorer & Go, Diego, Go*

Created digitally rendered picture books for the animated series

### Writer/Director – Nickelodeon / “Jinny Starfly”

Jan 2004 - Dec 2004

Wrote and directed animated short for Nick Jr. division

## Skills/Awards/Honors

Proficient in: **Adobe Photoshop/ Adobe Premiere / Adobe Animate / Z-Brush / Adobe InDesign/ Maya 2018 / Storyboard Pro / Nuke X 11.3**

Winner of the Silver Medal *Parent’s Choice Award 2007*

## Education

### MFA, School of Visual Arts

MFA in Computer Arts, New York, NY

Sep 2016 – May 2020

### BFA, Pratt Institute

Communications Design / Illustration Brooklyn, NY

Sep 1992 - Jun 1996