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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

Various

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

Supervised quality control of Research storybooks

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**

Awarded the **Presidential Scholarship** 1991

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