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Introduction

The simplicity of color, the efficiency of line and the immersive nature of video games influenced my aesthetic throughout my artistic education and development. Natural leadership qualities and a love for film have fused with my artistic ambitions to bring me stylistically to the professional I am at today. I have managed dozens of artists across multiple concurrent titles and art styles, utilizing my education in film, storyboarding and scriptwriting to deliver a more cinematic quality to the game play experience. I pride myself on keeping the team on focus, on budget and on deadline.

Lead Artist

- *Go Diego Go! Mega Bloks Build and Rescue!* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*
- *Chuck-E-Cheese's Party Games* *Tommo Games*
- *Amazing Adventures: the Forgotten Ruins* *Popcap Games*
- *Mystery PI: Portrait of a Thief* *Popcap Games*
- *Backyardigans* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*
- *Ni Hao, Kai Lan: Chinese New Year* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*
- *Dora the Explorer: Puppy* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*

Character Design/Sprite Animator

- *Wizards of Waverly Place* *Disney Interactive*
- *Garfield's Fun Fest* *Zoo Games*
- *Go Diego Go: Safari Rescue* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*
- *Dora the Explorer: Saves the Mermaids* *Nickelodeon/2K Play*
- *Sesame Street: Elmo's A to Zoo Adventure* *Warner Bros.*
- *Sesame Street: Cookie's Counting Carnival* *Warner Bros.*

Background Artist /Tile Set Creation

- *Deal or No Deal* *Zoo Games – Wii*
- *Garfield's Fun Fest* *Zoo Games*
- *Little League World Series Baseball '08* *Activision*
- *John Deere Harvest in the Heartlands* *Destineer, Inc.*
- *Zhu Zhu Pets 2: featuring the Wild Bunch* *Activision*
- *Zhu Zhu Pets: Princess* *Activision*

UI Artist

- *Little League World Series Baseball '08* *Activision*

Work Experience

- Knights End Creative **Studio Owner** 2004 - Present
We serve as contractors and outsourcers of character illustrations, pixel artwork, sprite creation, 2D animation, storyboards, and commercial/industrial video production and editing. We have clients within the areas of advertising, publication and film/video production for both local and national projects such as Toyota, ABC, NBC, Universal Studios, National Geographic and the recent multiple Sundance award winning and Academy Award Nominated film, Winter's Bone.
- Black Lantern Studios **Lead/Senior Artist** 2007 - 2010
Managing, delegating and scheduling teams of artists across multiple concurrently developed titles and styles. Primary focus on the Nintendo DS creating 2d and 3d animations/sprites/backgrounds.
- KSPR Springfield 33 **Creative Services Director/Marketing Manager** 2004 - 2006
Head of department responsible for all in house commercial/promotional production seen on air. Planned market strategies, promotional events and limited partnerships with businesses throughout the metro area in order to gain a larger viewership. I was also the storyboard artist and editor for hundreds of our high-end commercials and television specials.
- KSPR Springfield 33 **Graphic Designer/Animator/Editor** 2004
Created commercial and promotional advertisements for Springfield ABC affiliate. I created graphics, animations, edited spots as well as ran studio equipment for the daily newscasts.

Education

Missouri State University 1999-2004

BFA Computer Animation and Mass Media Minor

I completed a five-year program designed to give me the skills necessary to be competitive in the fields of computer animation, film and television production while enhancing my fine art skills in life drawing, sculpture and photography.

Technical Skills

- **Platforms:** Windows and Mac OS, all versions
- **Editing/Audio:** Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, Avid, Soundbooth
- **Animation/Graphics:** AfterEffects, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Lightwave, Maya, 3D Studio Max, Debabalizer, Promotion, Nitro Character, Adobe Flash, Unity, Sketchbook Pro.

Reference

- Matt Darst, H. Hero Productions, (417) 988-0815
- Mickey Stone, Stone Productions, (417) 425-7256
- Matt Raithel, Black Lantern Studios, President, (417) 865 - 3037
- Chris Moore, Black Lantern Studios, Senior Art Lead, (417) 770-0089
- Dave Tillery, Springfield 33 KSPR General Manager, (903)-581-5656