

CV

Personal Information

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Nationality South African

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Sex Male

Marital status Married

Aim To be involved in groundbreaking visual media projects, from the development stages right through to the final end product. I enjoy being challenged continuously and are always seeking new opportunities to learn from anyone who has something to offer. I take a lot of pride in my work and are constantly striving to improve my abilities and address my shortcomings.

Skills

3D I'm an all-rounder with more than eight years of high-end commercial work experience. I enjoy all aspects of 3D work. I specialize in rigging, animation, modeling/texturing, problem solving and pipeline development.

Management/production I've been one of two directors at Sphere Animation Studio cc for more than 6 years. My responsibilities included everything from

- Managing the Studio
- Managing a team of animators, designers and producers
- Client relations
- Production
- Marketing the business
- Managing the technical and IT infrastructure
- Keeping people motivated and inspired

Software

• Softimage XSI 6.5	• Heavy weight
• Softimage XSI Compositor	• Heavy weight
• Syflex cloth	• Middle weight
• Adobe Photoshop cs3	• Heavy weight
• Zbrush 3.1	• Heavy weight
• Adobe After FX cs3	• Middle weight
• Adobe Illustrator cs3	• Middle weight
• Adobe Premiere cs3	• Middle weight
• Boujou 4	• Middle weight
• Vue 6	• Middle weight
• Realflo 4	• Middle weight

Accomplishments

Gold Loerie 2006
Craft award

Coke M5

I was responsible for a large number of 3D shots in a "Fisherspooner" music video, as well as handling the production side for the 3D studio's involvement.

Directed, designed and produced by Rex and Tennant McKay.

Gold Loerie 2006
Craft award

Panasonic Winter Olympics

I was responsible for the creation and animation of a number of 3D characters and environments, as well as handling the production side for the 3D studio's involvement.

Directed, designed and produced by Tennant McKay.

Bronze Loerie 2005
Craft award

RSG SkaapZilla, Blaas diere, Spitbraai

I was responsible for all animation and compositing on these 3 commercials.

Directed by Carl Addy and Produced by Eject Media.

Work experience

- Dates (from – to)
- Name and address of employer
- Contact Person & Number
- Type of business or sector
- Occupation or position held

2001/09/18 – 2008/03/10

Sphere Animation Studio cc. No1 Wedge link road, Block B, Stone wedge office park, Bryanston, Jhb, Gauteng, South Africa
Ettiene Bosch +27 11 463 1679

Animation Studio

3D Artist, VFX supervisor, company director

- Main activities and responsibilities

3D: Modeling, texturing, lighting, rigging, animation, dynamic effects, camera and object tracking, render management, R&D, and compositing.

Supervision: On set supervision of visual effects shots and managing the studio for the duration of the 3D schedule, pipeline design and implementation, mentoring, quality control, research and development.

Production: Quoting of various different visual effects, character animation and motion graphic briefs. Problem solving and communicating between clients and artists.

Pre-Production: Storyboarding, FX design and development. Character design and development, animatics and Pre-viz as well as planning complex shoots for specific visual effects.

Company Director: All responsibilities that comes with being an employer and company owner

- Dates (from – to)
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- Type of business or sector
- Occupation or position held

2000/01/16 – 2001/09/04

The WORx Digital Graphix
Gavin Hong +27 82 8880380

Post production and animation studio

3D Artist

- Main activities and responsibilities Modeling, texturing, lighting, rigging, animation, dynamic effects, camera and object tracking

Education

- Dates (from – to) 1997 – 1999 Technicon Pretoria
(Now Tshwane University of Technology)
- Title of qualification 3 year National Diploma Graphic design
- Dates (from – to) 1995 – 1996 Zwartkop High school
- Title of qualification Matric certificate

Other

- Mother tongue Afrikaans
- Other Languages English
- Drivers license Code “EB”

Hobbies and interests

- Blade smithing (Knife and sword making)
- Archery
- Art and sketching
- Nature and hiking
- Movies and music
- Photography