

# MATT KUSHNER

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## ANIMATION & VISUAL EFFECTS EMPLOYMENT

- < **Method Studios**, 3D Artist, New York, NY | 2014  
previsualization for *Run All Night*
- < **Look Effects**, 3D Artist, Brooklyn, NY | 2009-2014  
as a 3D Artist: *Noah, Warm Bodies, Game of Thrones, TURN, Gotham, The Europa Report, Moonrise Kingdom*  
as a 2D ARTIST/PRODUCER/COORDINATOR: *Black Swan, Step Up 3D, Silent House, Limitless, The Sitter, The Bounty Hunter*
- < **City College of Technology**, Visiting Professor of Animation, Brooklyn, NY | 2010
- < **Young & Rubicam/Level 2**, Animator, New York, NY | 2009  
Modeled, textured and animated start and end tags for the 2009 Chevron World Challenge
- < **Edit One**, Animator, New York, NY | 2009  
Cleaned and adjusted motion capture data and added hand animation, camera & object animation
- < **Wesleyan University**, Visiting Professor of Animation, Middletown, CT | 2009
- < **G-Unit Productions**, Animator, New York, NY | 2009
- < **SRI Inc.**, Animator & Composer, McLean, VA | 2009  
Created company spot for MCEC (Military Children Education Coalition) National Conference
- < **Columbia University: CompSci PhD Program**, Texturer, Lighter & Renderer, New York, NY | 2009  
Positioned and animated cameras; textured, lit and rendered geometry in complex simulations for Siggraph 2009, entitled: "Asynchronous Contact Mechanics"
- < **VRAM Fx**, Astoria, NY | 2008 - 2009
  - Ford: Fusion Hybrid, Sync & i4 Commercials**, Camera Tracker & Clean Up Artist  
Match-moving (camera and object tracking), painted out tracking markers from footage
  - Showtime: Mixed Martial Arts Simulations**, Animator & Lighter  
Motion-capture clean up and hand animation, render-wrangling, texturing and lighting set-up
  - Trix: Cereal Commercial**, Animator & Composer  
Modeling, match-moving (by hand), rendering and compositing
- < **Jason Strougo: "Sportys" TV Pilot**, Lead Technical Director, New York, NY | 2007 - 2008  
Finalized all stages of production including modeling, texturing, rigging and animation  
Retargeted & cleaned motion capture data and applied it to the character rigs  
Organized files for a 25 minute pilot containing over 400 shots and 10 characters
- < **Passion Pictures: SONY Bravia "Play-doh" Commercial**, Assistant Animator, New York, NY | 2007  
Replacement animation of bunnies in hop cycle and rotating boxes for stop motion sequence
- < **ABC: "Trapped In The Towers: The Elevators of 9/11,"** Animator, New York, NY | 2006  
Modeled and animated an analog clock to read pivotal times in the 9/11 tragedy
- < **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**, Technical Services Intern, New York, NY | 2003 - 2004
- < **MTV ANIMATION: "Daria,"** Intern, New York, NY | 2001

## PROFILE

3D Artist for animation and visual effects working at the cutting edge of film, television and commercials.

## SOFTWARE (PC, MAC, LINUX)

### Animation & Film

MAYA, HOUDINI,  
AFTER EFFECTS, NUKE,  
SYNTHEYES, BOUJOU, PF TRACK,  
FINAL CUT PRO, PREMIERE

### Graphic Design & Page Layout

PHOTOSHOP, INDESIGN,  
ILLUSTRATOR, PAGEMAKER

### Web Design

DREAMWEAVER, WORDPRESS,  
HTML, CSS, IWEB

### Word Processing & Accounting

POWERPOINT, EXCEL, WORD,  
QUICKEN, PEOPLESFT PROPS

## DESIGN WORK

### >> Websites:

rashbaumassociates.com  
katherinekovner.com  
theplaywrightsrealm.org  
nuhair.com

### >> Press Kits

>> Posters

>> Logos

>> T-Shirts

>> Frisbees

>> CD Inserts

## SKILLS, TALENTS

- > NY State Driver's License
- > Ultimate frisbee player for 18+ years
- > Skilled at juggling tricks with three balls
- > Member of Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel in South Orange, NJ, 1993 to present

## CREATIVE WORK

- "WHEN THE SKY IS FALLING," Computer Animated Music Video | GRADUATE THESIS | 2007  
COLLABORATION WITH INDIE ROCK ARTIST JUSTIN CATALINO  
Won the Grand Prize in Famecast.com's competition  
Finalist in StudentFilmmakers.com's Summer Shorts 2007 Festival, Screened at LA's Short Film Festival
- "AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR," Computer Animated Short | UNDERGRADUATE THESIS | 2003  
Awarded Departmental Honors and the Grant/Wilcox Prize at Wesleyan University

## EDUCATION

- NEW YORK UNIVERSITY: Center for Advanced Digital Applications**, New York, NY  
MS in Digital Imaging and Design with Distinction, 2007; 3.90 of 4.0 GPA
- WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**, Middletown, CT  
BA in Film Studies with Honors, 2003; 3.59 of 4.0 GPA  
Studied Film during Semester Abroad at the University of Melbourne, Australia

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