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ANIMATION EMPLOYMENT

- < **Look Effects**, 3D Artist, Brooklyn, NY | 2009-Present
Currently in production: *Underworld 4, Gods Behaving Badly, Moonrise Kingdom, The Sitter*
as a VISUAL EFFECTS COORDINATOR/2D ARTIST: *Black Swan, Limitless, Step Up 3D, Silent House, 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
- < **Forgotten Sundays: "Paper Tigers,"** Animator, New York, NY | 2006 - 2007
Modeled, rigged, and animated a pair of hands to grow and grab as effect work for independent film
- < **ABC: "Trapped In The Towers: The Elevators of 9/11,"** Animator, New York, NY | 2006
Modeled and animated an analog clock to read important 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

CREATIVE WORK

- "WHEN THE SKY IS FALLING," Computer Animated Music Video | GRADUATE THESIS
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
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

PROFILE

Computer animator, graphic & web designer working at the cutting edge of film, television and the web.

SOFTWARE (PC & MAC)

Animation & Film
MAYA, AFTER EFFECTS, SHAKE, NUKE, SILHOUETTE, PFTRACK, FINAL CUT PRO, PREMIERE, SOUND FORGE

Graphic Design & Page Layout
PHOTOSHOP, ILLUSTRATOR, INDESIGN, PAGEMAKER, QUARK, ACROBAT

Web Design
DREAMWEAVER, WORDPRESS, JOOMLA, HTML, CSS, IWEB

Word Processing & Accounting
POWERPOINT, EXCEL, WORD, QUICKEN, PEOPLESOFT 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 15+ years
- > Skilled at juggling tricks with three balls
- > Member of Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel in South Orange, NJ, 1993 to present

ANIMATOR, GRAPHIC & WEB DESIGNER

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST