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Concept Artist with a proven track record at Walt Disney Imagineering and Universal Studios Hollywood, significantly contributing to the reopening of the Haunted Mansion and FanFest 2025's success. Specializes in concept development, colour theory, and perspective drawing, ensuring accurate adherence to franchise and independent IP and providing design solutions.

Professional Experience

Universal Studios Hollywood

Concept Artist
Jan 2024 - Present

- * Created concept art for FanFest 2025 across multiple franchises such as Back to the Future and One Piece.
- * Researched franchise-accurate references, architecture, fashion trends, cultures to inform design decisions.
- * Modified existing artwork according to feedback from production designers and creative directors.

Museum of Ice Cream

Concept Artist
Sep 2024

- * Produced digital paintings that informed critical design decisions for the upcoming location.
- * Generated rough drafts of illustrations or graphics to test composition and layout ideas.
- * Refined designs following guidance provided by the design manager.

Studio Archer

Concept Artist
Jan 2024 - Present

- * Converted visual storyboards and rough sketches into detailed concept art for retail.
- * Collaborated with Creative Director and Designer to generate new art concepts.
- * Conceived multiple concepts for provided intellectual property.

Walt Disney Imagineering

Illustrator
Aug 2023 - Sep 2024

- * Created concept art for the Haunted Mansion Queue Announcement under the supervision of the Director of Concept Design.
- * Applied learned color theory and lighting techniques into designs to add dimension and depth.

UCLA Theater Department

Scenic Shop TA
Sep 2021 - Jun 2023

- * Overseeing management and build process of theater productions at UCLA
- * Supervising, teaching, and delegating duties to students to assist and ensure safe construction of set pieces

Art Department Assistant

For All Mankind, S5, PD: Seth Reed, SAD: Ellen King

The Studio, PD: Julie Bergoff, AD: Brian Grego

Honors

2023 Finalist for Third of Nine Season 20 Grand Jury Awards, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

2023 Exhibition at the Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

2023 Exhibition at The Holy Art Gallery London, London, U.K.

2023 Official Selection for "The Drama of Light and Shadow" at MVA Gallery

2023 Local 800 Art Directors Guild Production Design Initiative Participant

2022 UCLA TFT Executive Board Scholarship

2021 UCLA Reach for the Stars Award

2019 Walt Disney Imagineering Imaginations Competition Finalist

Education

UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television

Master of Fine Arts in Design for Theater and Entertainment

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Critical Studies