Kenneth Nakada

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Roles and Responsibilities

Pixomondo - (Oct 2014 - Mar 2020)

Art Director/Creative Director

- Built the Unreal game engine department: 6K & VR output, HW/SW/Artists.
- Put into practice asset and library systems: Megascans, Xfrog, Speed Tree, Textures.
- Oversaw remote hosting with Assembla for versioning with Perforce.
- Implemented remote work and cloud compute pipeline (with limited Shotgun integration).
- Assimilated, tested, and developed projects to include VR/AR, computer vision, large format, and game engine technologies
- Use of on-premises motion capture tracking volumes, Xsens for highres, Vive sys for low.
- Blue sky ideation for client location based entertainment. Incl. executable proof-of-concepts.
- Created and designed characters, sets, props, fantasy locations for novel story ideas.
- Visual and audio ideation experiences to fit in physically designed architectural spaces.
- Once approved, I would spec out software and hardware, off-the-shelf and custom code for each project. Guide internal team of experts, vendors, and align with client vision.
- And most importantly, Artist Recruitment. This is where success starts.

VFX Supervisor

- Onset and post VFX supervisor.
- Bidding, VFX methodology definitions, team building, and artist recruitment.
- Daily creative direction internally, and lead creative in client reviews.
- This included supervision and collaboration with Toronto, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, and Beijing.
- CG: Maya, 3DS Max, Terragen, Houdini, and other particle simulation systems/plugins.
- Art/Dev: Photoshop, Mari, Substance Painter, Zbrush
- Comp: Nuke and After Effects, Premiere for editorial.

Rhythm and Hues - (Feb 2010 - Oct 2014)

Art Director -

- Responsible for the look of the assigned film.
- Ran art direction reviews with different departments; Concepts, Matte Painting, Look Dev, CG, Houdini, and Comp
- I helped test possible software integrations into RnH pipeline: Terragen, etc.
- This included art direction via remote sessions to 2 additional offices in India.
- Creative lead behind the VFX Supervisor in client reviews.
- Established art tools with Pipeline Department

Matte Painting Supervisor

- Supervised matte painters
- Lead on utilization of Rampage, RnH custom software
- Testing and usage of matte painting work in Houdini

Matte Painter

- I served in each of these roles several times as project needs dictated.
- Assisted with feedback in Rampage software development.

Frantic Films VFX/Prime Focus VFX - (Jan 2008 - Feb 2010)

VFX Supervisor/Designer

- Onset and post VFX supervisor.
- Includes travel to and remote supervision of Canadian offices.
- Bidding, VFX methodology definitions, team building, and artist recruitment.
- Daily creative direction internally, and lead creative in client reviews.

Matte Painting and Concept Department Supervisor - Environments Supervisor

- Built international Art Department Los Angeles, Vancouver, and Winnipeg
- Artist recruitment, team development, and Art Direction.
- Environment software integration: Terragen, Vue, Maya, 3DS Max, synchronizing apps.
- Consulted for proprietary software dev, PipeDash, sync all off-the-shelf and internal code.

Stereographer

- QC stereo photography plates on ingest
- Consulted on the creation of StereoD

Momentum VFX/Look FX - (Jun 2005 - Feb 2008)

Managing Director - Momentum VFX

- Design 1st & 2nd floor space for machine room, editorial space, commercial inferno bays, CG/Art/Comp dept spaces, screening room, and production offices. Designed in Maya
- Consulted for physical build of the facility, including city inspections, and contractor reviews.
- Implemented KVM spaces for CG/Art/Comp depts. All workstations lived in machine rooms.
- Defined all software requirements form Film/Episodic TV/Commercials/Music Videos.
- Spec'd out all VFX hardware, approved network, broadcast, security hardware.
- Setup 3D stereo review stations and protocols

VFX Supervisor/Designer - Momentum VFX/Look FX

- Onset and post VFX supervisor.
- Bidding, VFX methodology definitions, team building, and artist recruitment.
- Daily creative direction internally, and lead creative in client reviews.
- Helped NBC setup 3D Stereo episode of Medium. Stereo consultation: stereo camera rig, video village, wardrobe and props color consult (anaglyph prod), VFX, and final conform.

Riot Pictures (now Method Studios) - (Feb 2001 - Jun 2005) *Director of VFX*

- Director or VIX
 - Oversaw Cap Ex, budgeting, and VFX departmental planning
 - Architect of CG pipeline for facility Film/Episodic TV/Commercials/Music Video departments
 - Many of the following software were brought in under my recommendation/approval.
 - Cg Dept oversight tracking, modeling, texture, animation. Continual analysis between Maya, Softimage, and other 3D applications.
 - Maintenance of Inferno, Flame, Fire, etc maintenance contracts for TV/Comm/MV
 - Addition and implementation of Shake/AFX desktop compositing
 - Render farm/render mngt expansions. Setup 3D stereo review stations and protocols

VFX Supervisor

- Onset and Post VFX Supervisor on many Film/Ep TV/Commercials/Music Video projects.
- Creative lead client-facing to studios, directors, and client-VFX Supervisors.
- Bidding, VFX methodology definitions, team building, and artist recruitment.
- Daily creative direction internally, and lead creative in client reviews.

Kenneth Nakada • Immersive Director • Virtual Art Director • VFX Supervisor

Work History

LOCATION BASED ENTERTAINMENT- SPECIAL VENUE (VRincludes VR component – Epic Unreal)			
Production	Work	Producer	
Amazon Studios (current)	Virtual Production Consultant	Amazon Studios	
Bebop Technologies (current)	VFX Cloud Compute Architect Consultant		
Shadow and Bone (in production)	Digital Environments	Netflix Studios	
Sky City: Dreamin' Hong Kong (in production)	Director	K11	
Down the Rabbit Hole (in production)	Director	SP-Interactive	
VRGalaxy Sphere	Creative Director: Pixomondo	The Hettema Group	
Evergrande (in production)	Director	Evergrande	
Jurassic World Live Tour – Epic Unreal Output	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	Feld/UniversalNBC	
Elf on a Shelf	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	Mills Ent./Fireplay	
^{VR} Doha: Magma Blast	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE	
VRDoha: Wings of Destiny	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE	
VRAlien vs. Predator (media partial completion)	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	Genting/20 th C. Fox	
VRAlien Terraforma (media completed)	Director (Live Action and Media): Pixomondo	Genting/20 th C. Fox	
VRPorcelain Dream (Ride Film)	Director – Preshow/Virtual Art Director - Mainshow	Wanda	
National Geographic Encounter: Ocean Odyssey	Art Director: Pixomondo	SPE/Nat Geo	
VRGreen Lantern: Galactic Odyssey	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE/WB/DC Comics	
Joker's Funhouse	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE/WB/DC Comics	
Scooby Doo! Museum of Mystery	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE/WB/DC Comics	
Tom & Jerry: Swiss Cheese Spin – Epic Unreal	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE/WB/DC Comics	
Meet Bugs! (And Daffy)	Virtual Art Director: Pixomondo	GDE/WB/DC Comics	
VRSoaring over Long Jiang (Ride Film)	Creative Director/Art Director: Pixomondo	Wanda	

FEATURE FILM WORK (3D2-Camera 3D stereoscopic work)

Voyage (Mixed Media Live Show) (in production)

Power of Nature (Ride Film)

Alien 2000 (Ride Film)

Feature Production `	Work	Producer
Fantastic Four	VFX Art Director: Pixomondo	20 th Century Fox
Xmen: Days of Future Past	Matte Painting Supervisor: Rhythm and Hues	20 th Century Fox
Winter's Tale	Matte Painting Supervisor: Rhythm and Hues	Warner Bros.
^{3D} Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters	Matte Artist: Rhythm and Hues	20 th Century Fox
^{3D} Life of Pi	Matte Artist: Rhythm and Hues	20 th Century Fox
Big Miracle	Art Director: Rhythm and Hues	Universal
Knight and Day	Matte Artist: Rhythm and Hues	20 th Century Fox
^{3D} Yogi Bear	Matte Artist: Rhythm and Hues	Warner Bros.
Sucker Punch	VFX Designer: Prime Focus VFX	Warner Bros.

Creative Director/Production Designer: Pixomondo

Matte Painting Supervisor: Rhythm and Hues

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Feature Production Work **Producer** Matte Painting Supervisor: Prime Focus VFX The Tree of Life Brace Cove Matte Paintings by: Zen Haven Studios The Tourist GK Films 3D Avatar Matte Painting Supervisor: Prime Focus VFX 20th Century Fox The Twilight Saga: New Moon Matte Painting Supervisor: Prime Focus VFX Summit Ent. G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra Environments/Matte Painting Supervisor: Prime Focus Paramount Matte Painting Consultant/Matte Painting: Prime Focus 2050 A.D. Adlabs VFX Supervisor/Matte Painter: Frantic Films King Bolden Bolden! Louis aka The Great Observer VFX Supervisor/Matte Painter: Frantic Films King Bolden VFX Designer: Frantic Films 20th Century Fox Dragonball: Evolution Valkyrie VFX Supervisor: Frantic Films MGM Pictures VFX Design/Matte Painting: Zen Haven Studios City of Ember Walden Media Digital Effects Supervisor: Look FX Get Smart Warner Bros. Mirrors VFX Supervisor: Look FX New Regency Pic Matte Painting: CIS 20th Century Fox Meet Dave Matte Painting: CIS The Express Universal The Ruins VFX Conceptual Design: Zen Haven Studios Dreamworks SKG Matte Painting: CIS Leatherheads Universal VFX Conceptual Design: Momentum 20th Century Fox Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer Matte Painting: Zen Haven Studios Icon Productions Apocalypto VFX Supervisor: Momentum Next Turn Prod. Jolene Matte Painting Supervisor: Momentum Hyde Park Films Asylum VFX Supervisor: Momentum Bull Run FireRock Ent. In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale Matte Painting Supervisor: Momentum **Brightlight Pictures** American Pastime Overall VFX Supervisor: Momentum Shadowcatcher Ent. Luck of the Draw VFX Supervisor: Momentum Tica Productions Rocket Science Overall VFX Supervisor: Momentum **HBO Films** VFX Supervisor: Momentum Walkout **HBO Films** ^{3D} The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl VFX Supervisor: R!OT Miramax Monster-In-Law VFX Supervisor: R!OT New Line Cinema VFX Supervisor: R!OT XXX2 Universal VFX Supervisor: R!OT 20th Century Fox Stay Little Black Book VFX Supervisor: R!OT Revolution VFX Supervisor: R!OT Sky Captain & the World of Tomorrow Paramount Concept Designer/Matte Artist: Stan Winston Digital Van Helsing Digital Matte Painter: ILM Universal The Passion of the Christ Matte Artist: Captive Audience Icon Pictures Peter Pan VFX Supervisor/Concept Designer: R!OT Revolution Digital Matte Painter: ILM Digital Matte Painter: Escape Entertainment (ESC) Warner Bros. Matrix 3: Revolutions Concept Design: R!OT **HBO Films** Angels in America Scary Movie 3 VFX Supervisor/Matte Artist: R!OT **Dimension Films**

Work **Feature Production** Producer VFX Supervisor: R!OT Kill Bill: Vol I Miramax VFX Supervisor: R!OT, Compositing: Svengali FX 20th Century Fox Alien DVD Project League of Extraordinary Gentlemen VFX Supervisor/Matte Artist: R!OT 20th Century Fox VFX Supervisor/Matte Artist: R!OT Warner Bros. Terminator 3 The In-Laws Digital Matte Painter: Cinesite Warner Bros. Biker Bovz Co-VFX Supervisor: R!OT Dreamworks SKG Senior Matte Painter, Design, Shot Supervision: R!OT Scorpion King Universal Compositing, 3D Animation, Element Photography The One Design, Matte Painting, 3D Animation: R!OT Revolution Queen of the Damned Matte Painting, 3D Animation: R!OT Warner Bros. Concept Design: R!OT Warner Bros. Murder by Numbers Supervise, Matte Painting: R!OT Planet of the Apes - Trailer Shots Warner Bros. Josie and the Pussycats Concept Design: Illusion Arts Universal Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts 20th Century Fox From Hell The Fast and the Furious Pre-Vis, Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Universal Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts X-Men Universal Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts Nutty Professor II: The Klumps Universal Matte Painting: Illusion Arts The Gift Paramount Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Outpost Universal Lead Artist, Matte Painting, 3D Modeling & The Skulls Universal Animation, Compositing: Illusion Arts Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts U-571 Universal Brain Imaging Consultant: Zen Haven Studios MGM Molly Anna and the King Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts 20th Century Fox Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Universal Mystery Men Design, Matte Painting: Illusion Arts Stuart Little Sony Pictures Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts S/H Productions Muppets from Space Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts **Dudley Do-Right** Universal Bowfinger Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Universal Compositing: Illusion Arts Ride with the Devil Universal Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts A Civil Action Disnev Compositing: Illusion Arts Universal The Limev Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts The Blast from the Past Universal Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Pvscho - Gus Van Sant re-creation Universal My Favorite Martian Matte Painting, 3D Animation, Compositing: Illusion Arts Uncle Martin Prods. 6 Days/ 7 Nights Matte Painting, Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts Disney Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas 3D Modeling: Illusion Arts Rhino Films Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts The Mask of Zorro Sony Pictures FX Animation, Compositing: Illusion Arts Refuge Prods./Cappa Kundun The Horse Whisperer Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Double Divide

Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts

Warner Bros.

Fire Down Below

Feature ProductionBatman & Robin
Kull the Conqueror

The Jackal Lolita Buddy

Dangerous Beauty Trial and Error Star Trek: First Contact

The Glimmer Man Striptease" The Birdcage Courage Under Fire

Daylight Sunchaser Eraser Bogus

High School High Dragonheart

Work

Compositing: Illusion Arts

Compositing, FX Animation: Illusion Arts Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts

Compositing: Illusion Arts

3D Modeling & Animation: Illusion Arts

Compositing: Illusion Arts
Asst. Compositing: Illusion Arts
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Asst. Compositing: Illusion Arts

Compositing: Illusion Arts Asst. Compositing: Illusion Arts Producer

Warner Bros. Universal Universal

Dredan Prods.
Sony Pictures
New Regency
New Line
Paramount
Warner Bros.
Castle Rock
United Artists
20th Century Fox

Universal New Regency Warner Bros. Open Films

Homeroom Prods.

Universal

EPISODIC TELEVISION (3D2-Camera 3D stereoscopic work)

Episodic Production

Homeland Devious Maids Killer Women Tyrant – Pilot

Extant

Pushing Daisies – Various Episodes

Las Vegas - Season 5

Numb3rs Mind Freak

In Justice – Episodes 106-113

Medium - Epi 17-27 ^{3D}(S2Ep7, Stereo broadcast)

Empire - Episodes 1-6

Carnivale - "?"
Smallville - "Crush"
Smallville - "Drone"
Meet the Changs - "Pilot"
Smallville - "Stray"

Smallville - "Metamorphosis"

Star Trek Voyager

Deep Space 9 "Changing the Face of Evil"

. Work

Matte Painting: Encore Hollywood
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Concept Design: Encore Hollywood
Matte Painting Supervisor: Look FX
VFX Supervisor: Momentum

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VFX Supervisor, On-Set: Momentum VFX Supervisor, On-Set: Momentum VFX Supervisor, Matte Painter: R!OT VFX Supervisor, Compositing: R!OT

Matte Painting: R!OT

Matte Painting, Compositing: R!OT Matte Painting, Shots Supervision: R!OT

Matte Painting: R!OT

Matte Painting, Compositing: R!OT Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts

Compositing: Illusion Arts

Producer

Showtime Networks
ABC Television
ABC Television
FX Network
CBS Television
ABC Television
NBC/Universal

Scott Free Productions

Criss Angel
Touchstone
Paramount
ABC Television
HBO Films
Warner Bros.
Warner Bros.
Touchstone
Warner Bros.
Warner Bros.

Paramount

Paramount

Episodic Production

The X-Files "Dreamland"

Deep Space 9 "Prodigal Daughter" Star Trek Voyager "In the flesh" Deep Space 9 "The Quickening"

COMMERCIALS

Production

Toyota Prius Liberty Park Toyota Camry

Destin Plastic Surgery "Transformations" Mattel "Harry Potter Pumpkin Song"

Ford "Clouds"

Hasbro "Fun 10 City"
VW Spec Spot "Fireflies"
Bombardiere Flexjet
Mobile Gas Station

Aladdin Casino "Montage"

Dodge Durango "Outdoing"

Logix Communications "Genesis"

Mission Tortillas Ford F-150 "Aztec" Rocher Chocolate

SHORT FILM

Production

Star Wars Musical (Disney Parody)

Drone

Cognition: Part II, Inner Workings of the Brain

NIMH 50th Anniversary Lil Tokyo Reporter

Mine

MUSIC VIDEOS

Production

Natasha Bedingfield "Unwritten"
Debbie Harry "World of Happiness"
Faith Hill "Cry"
Nickel Creek "This Side"
Bryan Adams "Here I Am"

Masayuki Suzuki "So Long"

Work

Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts

Compositing: Illusion Arts Compositing: Illusion Arts Compositing: Illusion Arts

Work

Matte Painting: Frantic Films VFX Supervisor: Momentum VFX Supervisor: Momentum VFX Supervisor: Momentum VFX Supervisor: R!OT Matte Painting: R!OT

Design, Matte Painting: Zen Haven Studios VFX Supervisor: Zen Haven Studios

Matte Painting, Compositing: R!OT

Matte Painting, Plate Supervision, Compositing Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Matte Painting, 3D Modeling & Animation Matte Painting, Compositing: Illusion Arts Matte Painting, Plate Supervision, Compositing

Matte Painting, 3D Artist, Compositing

3D Modeling: Illusion Arts

Work

VFX Consultant: Zen Haven Studios VFX Consultant: Zen Haven Studios

Director, VFX Supervisor Director, VFX Supervisor

Overall VFX Supervisor: Zen Haven Studios

Visual Effects: Look FX

Work

Matte Painter: Zen Haven Studios On-set VFX Supervisor: R!OT Plate Supervision, 3D Matte Painting: R!OT Plate Supervision, Matte Painting: R!OT

3D Matte Painting: R!OT

VFX Supervisor, Compositor: Zen Haven Studios

Producer

Paramount Paramount Paramount

Producer

Emerald Coast Filmworks Sub-contract from PLF Emerald Coast Filmworks Young and Rubicam

Flying Tigers
The Big House
Jeremy Cole

Sunspots V12 Studios Sunspots Sunspots Sunspots Sunspots Movie Magic

Producer

GeorgeShawMusic
USC SCA
UCLA Lab of Neuro Imaging
UCLA Lab of Neuro Imaging
LTR Film
Borderland Film Co.

Producer

Babyfoot Productions
Disney
Raw Prods.
Ave B Pictures
Raw Prods.
Sony/Epic Records

PUBLICATION COVER ART

Twistory July 2013 Neuron May 2004 Film & Video 2003

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles B.S. - Kinesiology/Physiological Sciences

1992
University of California, Los Angeles M.S. - Physiological Sciences, emphasis Neuromuscular Physiology
1996

ACADEMY and AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences **AMPAS** Member
Academy of Television Arts and Sciences **ATAS** Member
Themed Entertainment Association **TEA** Member
Visual Effects Society **VES** Charter Member
Motion Picture Screen Cartoonist, IATSE Local 839 **MPSC** Inactive Member
Stereo Club of Southern California **SCSC** Los Angeles 3D Club Inactive Member
International Stereoscopic Union **ISU** Inactive Member

AWARDS

Telly Award The Communicator Award

The Videographer Award Axiem Award

STUDIOS WORKED FOR (contract and sub-contract)

The Hettema Group Feld Entertaiment Mills Entertaiment Fireplay DC Comics Digital Backlot Warner Bros. SP-Interactive Genting Malaysia **HBO Films** Dimension Films Scott Free Production Wanda Chimelong **GDE** Creative National Geographic Pixomondo Rhythm and Hues **GK Films** Walden Media Prime Focus VFX Frantic Films Icon Productions Look FX 20th Century Fox Industrial Light & Magic **Encore Hollywood** CIS Hollywood Stan Winston Digital **ESC Entertainment** Momentum VFX Captive Audience Dreamworks/Spy Glass Entertainment **Babyfoot Productions** Picture Shop Post **Duck Studios LA R!OT Pictures** Illusion Arts Revolution Studios UCLA Laboratory of Neuro Imaging The Big House Zen Haven Studios **Touchstone Televison** Svengali VFX **NBC/Universal Television CBS Television** Paramount Television ABC Television FX Network **New Regency** Pixel Liberation Front Disney Sony/Epic Records Summit Entertainment **Amazon Studios Netflix Studios**