

Steven J. Salus

3D TRACKER/MATCHMOVING ARTIST

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PROFILE

Driven aspiring 3D artist combining creative aptitude with exceptional technical acumen. Proven expertise in 3D creation and design demonstrated through personal projects. Excel within fast-paced, deadline-driven environments, operating both within a team and individually. Technically astute with detailed understanding of computer mechanics.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Visual Effects
- Simulation Packages
- Self-Motivated
- Innovative Thinker
- Time Management
- Team Collaboration
- Attention to Detail
- Oral & Written Communication

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Synthesys
- 3D Equalizer
- Autodesk Maya
- Adobe Creative Suites
- Nuke
- 3D Printing
- Unity
- Unreal Engine
- Substance Painter

EDUCATION

B.S. in Virtual Technology & Design

University of Idaho, 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Camera Tracking/ Character Matchmoving Artist *Crafty Apes VFX*

04/2021 to Present

- Created camera solves and 3D digital assets matching the original background plate for use in 2D and 3D departments.
- Matched motion of live-action characters and/or props that interact with CG shot elements.
- Created rough set geometry from survey information and simple models for object tracking when they are not available as a digital asset.
- Worked with other artists to execute projects quickly and effectively.
- Shared information regarding the task status to the tracking leads and VFX supervisors.

Designer

08/2018 to Present

Neurochi Meditation

Co-designed and developed a VR application to empower individuals living with intermittent or chronic pain and injuries. The app promotes meditation and visualization as a strategy to improve quality of life.

- Utilized expertise in tools Maya, 3DS Max, Substance Painter, Unity, and Oculus Go to build, test, and release the VR app.
- Participated in numerous competitions, receiving widespread recognition and awards including,
 - Idaho Entrepreneur Challenge (2nd Place); North West Entrepreneur Competition (2nd Place); Draper Entrepreneur Competition (2nd Place); WSU Business Plan Competition (Best Show); Idaho Pitch Competition (1st Place).
- Presented application to medical professionals, receiving positive feedback during Alpha stage.