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# Nick Smolyn

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## Skills

### Technical & Computer

Very Experienced with Maya, Vue, Softimage XSI, Discreet Combustion, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere and After Effects. Some experience with AutoCAD and 3D Studio MAX

### Artistic

Always improving and learning more in photography and cinematography:  
such as composition, lighting and evoking emotion.

### Leadership/Management

Managed and was responsible for a landscaping crew.

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## Experience

*Sept 2008 – Present*

*Nitrogen Studios*

*Vancouver, BC*

### Children's TV series "Thomas and Friends"

#### Lead Environmental Artist

Prepping sets in Maya then creating, lighting and rendering detailed terrain and foliage using the program Vue.

*Jan – July 2008*

*Rainmaker Animation*

*Vancouver, BC*

### Feature animated Film "Escape From Planet Earth"

#### Layout Artist

Created shots, from previs to final layout, which included cinematography, modeling props, animating, lighting, texturing: anything that best represented the story to its fullest before animation with direction from the director and the DOP.

*April 2007 – Dec 2008*

*Vanguard Animation*

*Vancouver, BC*

### Feature animated Film "Space Chimps"

#### Layout Artist (June – Sept)

With direction from DOP made fixes and revisions to shots, broke out shots from scene file, made new camera shots from scratch when needed, made rough animations to characters/props and timed them correctly, and adjusted the Depth of Field.

#### Matte Painting Placement (Oct – Dec)

With direction from the art director, place matte paintings in scene and adjust accordingly.

#### Production Assistant (April – May)

Doing random jobs for any department when needed, e.g. Photoshop work, making animation shot lists, research. Run errands, clean lunch area, pickup breakfast and lunch. .

*Sept – November 2003*

*Insight Film and Video Production*

*Vancouver, BC*

#### CG Artist

Added CG Effects to live action movies.

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*Jan 2002 – March 2002*      *Vancouver Film School*      *Vancouver, BC*

**Teaching Assistant**

Helped VFS 3D animation students with technical and artistic problems

*Nov 2005 – June 2006*      *Contour Landscaping*      *Lower Mainland*

**Crew Chief**

Maintained landscapes of townhouse properties.

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**Education**

Oct 2001 – Dec 2001      *Vancouver Film School*      *Vancouver*  
Scholarship Program

Jan 2001 – Oct 2001      *Vancouver Film School*      *Vancouver*  
Graduated from 3D animation Program

1999 – 2000      *Kwantlen College*      *Surrey*  
Fine Arts Program

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**References**

**Jericca (Rikki) Cleland**

Director of Photography on Space Chimps (Vanguard Animation)  
and Escape From Planet Earth (Rainmaker Animation)  
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