



RYAN ELK

CONCEPT ARTIST

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QUALIFICATIONS

A dedicated and passionate artist of both digital and traditional mediums.
Ability to evolve a blank canvas into a compelling story through silhouette study, character design, and environments.
Strive to add a unique edge to creations by introducing them to a realm of light, darkness, and surreal adventure.
More than proficient in Adobe Photoshop.
Proficient understanding of Adobe Illustrator, After Effects, Autodesk Maya, and Pixologic ZBrush.
Aspire to be recognized as a groundbreaking and creative conceptual thinker and artist.
Self motivated towards achieving the best possible pre-visualization and design on each project.
Ability to work both collaboratively and independently in an artistic environment.
Enjoy living vicariously through concept art creations.
Foresight to identify future market trends and demands in the gaming, film, and graphic arts industries.
Enjoy and appreciate the compelling ages of art history as a source of learning and a base from which to develop new concept art utilizing state-of-the-art software.

EXPERIENCE

DECK OF DICE / FREELANCE DIGITAL ILLUSTRATOR & CONCEPT ARTIST **NOV. 2015 - Present**
Creates stylized, familiar, yet unique, detailed animal illustrations under the art direction of renown video game industry veteran, Steve Cartwright. Adapted quickly to fit the style, mood, and specific demographic for a startup video game company.

CHIEF WIRELESS OFFICER / GRAPHIC DESIGNER & ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE **JUNE 2014 - NOV. 2015**
Developer of bold and progressive designs to help capture, compliment, and brand the essence of the company.
Promotes and helps implement the incredible cost saving services of the firm to develop and maintain new and long-term clients.
Provides the highest level of customer service while working with small to Fortune 500 companies.

"THE SENTINEL" / CONCEPT ARTIST **SUMMER 2013**
A film by Adam Floeck. Conceived and developed detailed drawings of one of the main characters - the Sentinel itself.

THINK MEDIA STUDIOS / INTERN **SUMMER 2011**
Assistant editor for web commercials.
Helped assist film crew during video shoots including one episode of "The Keyshia Cole Show".

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

41st ANNUAL STUDENT ACADEMY AWARDS 2014 **SPRING 2014**
Senior Animated Film "Drive In" created by Ryan Elk - selected by SCAD faculty for competition.

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN / ANIMATION GRADUATION SHOW **SPRING 2013**
Senior Animated Film "Drive In" created by Ryan Elk.
2nd place for Audience Choice Award.
Weirdness Award Nominee.

SCAD STUDENT SENIOR FILMS / CONCEPT ARTIST **SPRING 2011**
"LEGACY" BY ADAM FLOECK.
"PAST AND FUTURE" BY JOY HUA.

SCAD HONOR STUDENT **FALL 2009 - SPRING 2013**

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS / ANIMATION **SPRING 2013**
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN / SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

REFERENCES

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