

# **Monkey Brain**

Studios, Inc.

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# **Work Experience:**

9/2010 - Present Monkey Brain Studios.

Position: Founder and Director.

Clients: Warner Brothers Games, WEVR, Oddworld, Roblox, Filmography, Roblox, among others.

3/2015 - Present Gnomon School of Visual Effects

Position: Education Lead Technology.

Program: In charge of the Animation Track Education

8/2010 - Present Laguna College of Art and Design.

Position: Part Time Instructor.

Program: Computer Animation I and II.

3/2011 - 8/2012 Superplay Games.

Position: Creative Director.

Projects: Cosmonauts, Sky Defenders, Munchie Mania and other undisclosed projects.

7/2005 - 9/2010 Blizzard Entertainment.

Position: Senior Animator.

Projects: World of Warcraft, Burning Crusade, Wrath of the Litch King, Cataclysm.

1/2003 - 2/2005 Sammy Studios.

Position: Animator, cinematics and in-game.

Projects: Darkwatch in-game animation, Cinematic Teaser and promotional material.

7/2000-11/2002 Oddworld Inhabitants.

Position: Cinematic Animator and Technical Director.

Projects: Munch's Oddysee cinematic cut scenes, TV commercial and Musical Video.

1/1996-7/1999 Freelance (Mexico City).

Graphic Artist, Illustrator & Editorial Cartoonist.

Clients: Vips, El Porton, Sony Music, Periódico Reforma, Bayer.

4/1996-5/1997 A.R.Weitzner y Asociados. (Advertising agency, Mexico City)

Position: Graphic Designer, Illustrator and Storyboard Artist. Clients: Sun Microsystems, Oracle, Centro Comercial Interlomas.

# **Education:**

**5/2000-Present** Multiple Workshops and Seminars on subjects ranging from artistic to managerial.

6/1999-5/2000 Vancouver Film School 3D Animation and Special Effects Program.

1/1993-12/1996 Universidad Anahuac Bachelor in Graphic Design.



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## **Skills:**

A well-rounded **2D** and **3D** artist with experience in **directing and managing** local and remote art production teams. Vast Knowledge of **keyframe** and **motion-capture** animation Techniques as well as **character design**, modeling, texturing, **directing and mentoring**.

Other skills include: storyboarding, cartooning, illustration, graphic design and acting.

Trilingual: Spanish, English and Hebrew. Written and verbal.

**Software:** Proficient in Maya, Toon Boom Animate, Photoshop, Premiere, Illustrator and the Microsoft Office Suite.

Working knowledge of MotionBuilder, After Effects, Zbrush and Jirra.

MacOs, Windows and Unix

## References

### Lorne Lanning.

President and Creative Director of Oddworld Inhabitants.

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## **Edward Rotberg.**

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