

# ANTHONY RIZZO

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## PROFILE

Senior character animator with over nine years experience working on feature films, video games and television productions. Proven track record leading animation teams to produce innovative, high quality animation within tight deadlines. Combines visionary creative philosophy with outstanding technical skills, strong leaders abilities and a true passion for animation excellence. A motivated team player with exceptional creative instincts.

"Anthony is a highly talented animator with a natural sense for weight and timing... I was impressed with his ability to produce complex animations in a short amount of time. I recommend him for any animation task where he can put these talents to work."

—Trent Noble, IBC Digital

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Facial Animation for Warner Bros. Pictures "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" 2008
- Lead Animator for Spike Jonze short film "I'm Here" 2009
- Animation Supervisor on Rockstar Game's "Grand Theft Auto 4" 2007

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### METHOD STUDIOS

Santa Monica, CA

MARCH 2010 – Present

#### Character Animator

- Character animation for U.S. Cellular commercial.
- More to come!

### LOGAN STUDIOS

Marina Del Ray, CA

FEBRUARY 2009 – OCTOBER 2009

#### Senior Animator

- Recruited to lead animation for Art Director's in-house Short Film project
- Lead Animator on trailer for Visceral Games' "Dante's Inferno"
- Senior Animator on Spike Jonze short film "I'm Here"

### RING OF FIRE

Santa Monica, CA

JULY 2008 – AUGUST 2008

#### Senior Animator

- Animated various creatures for Madonna's "Sticky and Sweet World Tour"

### THE FAMOUS GROUP

Culver City, CA

APRIL 2008 – JUNE 2008

#### Character Animator

- Animated beast character for Shopstyle national commercial spot

### IMAGE METRICS

Santa Monica, CA

MARCH 2006 – MARCH 2008

#### Senior Animator

- Led team of over 30 animators on multiple feature films, commercials and video games.
- Facial Animator for Warner Bros Pictures' "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
- Senior Facial Animator for Twentieth Century Fox Film "Meet Dave"
- Senior Facial Animator for Universal Pictures' "The Mummy 3: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"
- Animation Supervisor for Rockstar Games' "Grand Theft Auto 4"
- Animation Supervisor for Epic Games' "Unreal Tournament 3", Sony's "SOCOM 4", Capcom's "Devil May Cry 4", Konami's "Metal Gear Solid 4" and Sony's "LAIR", Eidos Studios' "Battlestations: Midway"
- Facial Animation on trailer for MTV Games & Electronic Arts' "Rockband" and Naughty Dog's "Uncharted: Drake's Fortune"
- Facial Animation for Discovery Channel Abraham Lincoln special
- Facial Animation of Richard Burton in Jeff Wayne's Musical "Musical of War of the Worlds"

### IBC DIGITAL

Buffalo, NY

FEBRUARY 2002 – March 2006

#### Lead Animator

- 3D Artist for Warner Bros Pictures' "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"
- Animated series of commercials for Reese's Puffs Cereal (4), Crest, Sunny Delight, AOL, Kid Cuisine (7), Fisher Price, HSBC, Buffalo News
- Animated segments for television series on MTV2's "Video Mods", Disney Channel, Sesame Street, Spike TV and VH1.

### CLICK 3X

NEW YORK, NY

SUMMER 2000

#### ANIMATION INTERNSHIP,

- Organizing clip libraries, stock footage searches, and data-wrangling for Commercial Effects House

## SKILLS

- Traditional and digital art techniques
- Passionate about all levels of film and animation
- Energetic and an eager team player
- Enthusiastic leader and teacher
- Thorough understanding of character performance, timing, staging and composition
- Adaptive and flexible under pressure/deadlines

## EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO-Bachelor of Arts; Major in Animation, Minor in Film

## TOOLS

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- Maya
- After FX
- Photoshop
- Dreamweaver
- Flash
- pencil and paper

## ACCOLADES

2010 Sundance Film Festival – Spike Jonze short film: "*I'm Here*"; Absolut Vodka.  
2009 Oscar: Best Achievement in Visual Effects – "*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*"; Warner Bros.  
2005 ADDY Award - "*Reese's Puffs Cereal: Subway*" animation; presented by Viacom  
2004 ADDY Award - "*Funkmaster Flex*" animation; presented by Viacom

\*References furnished upon request.\*