Aaron Raff

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Objective

To create compelling motion graphics, animation, and visual effects within a professional, team-based environment. To further develop the skills necessary to create meaningful, authentic images with the latest technology.

Education

The University of Texas at Austin, graduated May 2008

B.A., Plan II (Liberal Arts Honors), cum laude

B.S., Radio-Television-Film: Film Production, magna cum laude

National Merit Scholarship, GPA: 3.88, Phi Beta Kappa

Experience

Motion Graphics and animation

Self-Assembly Films, 2008, Designed and animated several futuristic computer readout screens for placement in the animated feature film "Mars."

Shiny Object, 2008, Intern. Duties involved animating, motion-tracking, rotoscoping, compositing, supporting the editor, all while quickly learning new software.

Boost Mobile RockCorp, 2008, Worked from boards to animate set of backdrops for performers at Los Angeles concert, reacting to client feedback along the way.

"A Merry Cancer Brought," 2008, Created 20-minute narrative thesis film using stop-motion animation, photo-animation and After Effects. Excerpts are on my website.

"I Wanna Be a Soldier," 2006, Created an animated short that won the grand prizes at both the Alamo Drafthouse Open Screen Contest and Texas Travesty Film Festival.

Editing and other

Save Our Springs Alliance, 2008, Edited a promotional video showcasing an exclusive Eliza Gilkyson track.

"Writ Writer," 2008, Edited a SXSW trailer for a documentary that also aired on PBS.

East Austin Studio Tour, 2007, Edited an experimental split-screen documentary.

A.G. Casting, 2007, Handled lighting, DV recording, and directing at various castings.

SpeakerMatch, 2007, Produced a series of YouTube testimonials for an Austin company.

LA Film Festival, 2007, Production assistant.

Capitol Metro, 2006, Produced and edited various training videos for an Austin bus company.

Skills

Personal: Intuitive, quick learner. Solid grasp of storytelling and narrative elements. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Organized and self-motivated. **Software Highlights:** Final Cut Pro, Avid Xpress, Adobe After Effects, Flash, and Photoshop.