# **Eric Schultz**

# Lead Lighting & Look Dev Artist

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## WORK EXPERIENCE :

#### Luma Pictures | Vancouver, BC | February 2022 - April 2024

#### Lead Lighting Artist:

- Responsible for directing lighting artists in Luma's LA and BC offices across multiple shows while helping them meet scheduled deadlines by trouble shooting scenes and creating render optimizations.
- Spearheaded the creation of light rigs and scene templates for other artists to use on a sequence and show level in order to light shots in Katana using the Arnold render engine such as the nuclear power plant sequence in the film *Godzilla X Kong : The New Empire*.
- Fostering a highly cooperative team environment on all projects allowing for effective collaboration and exchanging of methods and ideas to create the best visual look in shots.
- · Worked with the production team and my supervisors with assigning shots to artists and giving artistic feedback to artists.
- Created simple comp templates in Nuke for artists to help present their renders to supervisors.
- Tasked with doing the final pass of look dev for character assets as well as doing fx and environment look dev in shots.
- Worked with our Dev and Pipeline team to give feedback and test out new tools before being fully released.
- Created documentation for artists to reference on the latest pipeline tools and workflows being used at the studio as well as documentation on the different sequences I was heading on projects.

#### Lighting Sequence Lead:

- Responsible for the creation of light rigs and templates for other artists to use on a sequence and show level in order to light shots in Katana using the Arnold render engine such as the parasite alien sequence in the bar in the streaming film *Rebel Moon : A Child of Fire*.
- Helped artists troubleshoot their shots and optimize complex scenes and assets.
- Created simple comp templates in Nuke for artists to help present their renders to supervisors.

#### Senior Lighting Artist:

- Responsible for the lighting of hero CG shots in Katana using the Arnold render engine in order to help concept the lighting look for a sequence while also optimizing complex scenes and assets for rendering.
- Created basic comps of renders in Nuke for presenting to the supervisors and giving comp a starting point.

#### DNEG | Vancouver, BC | January 2017 - February 2022

#### Lead Lighting Technical Director:

- Responsible for the creation of light rigs and scene templates for other artists to use on a sequence and show level in order to light shots in Isotropix Clarisse such as the train crashing sequence in the film *Bullet Train*.
- Mentoring new hires by getting them up to speed on our pipeline and helping artists troubleshoot their shots and optimize complex scenes and assets.
- Fostering a highly cooperative team environment on all projects allowing for effective collaboration and exchanging of methods and ideas to create the best visual look in shots.
- Worked with the production team and my supervisors with assigning shots to artists and giving artistic feedback to artists.
- Responsible for look deving the shading of fx and environment assets in sequences and shots.
- Creation of simple comp templates in Nuke for artists to help present their renders to supervisors.
- Writing up project documentation so artists had a point of reference on the different sequences we were working on and the workflows being used.

#### Senior Lighting Technical Director:

- Responsible for shot and sequence lighting in Isotropix Clarisse in order to help concept the lighting look for a sequence while also
  optimizing complex scenes and assets for rendering.
- Created basic comps of renders in Nuke for presenting to the supervisors and giving comp a starting point.

#### Mid Lighting Technical Director:

- Responsible for shot and sequence lighting in Isotropix Clarisse and the optimization of complex scenes and assets for rendering.
- Created basic comps of renders in Nuke for presenting to the supervisors and giving comp a starting point.

#### MPC | Montreal, QC | Feb 2015 - January 2017

#### Mid Lighting and Look Dev Artist:

- Responsible for shot and sequence lighting in Katana using Renderman and the optimization of complex scenes and assets for rendering.
- Working as a bridge between the different departments to help look dev the final look of assets for shots such as the Thermoptic Suit in the film *Ghost in the Shell* and the Magneto Shield in the film *X-men Apocalypse*.
- Responsible for look deving the shading of fx and environment assets in sequences and shots.
- Created basic comps of renders in Nuke for presenting to the supervisors and giving comp a starting point.

#### Junior Lighting and Look Dev Artist:

- Responsible for shot lighting of CG shots in Katana using Renderman and the optimization of complex scenes and assets for rendering.
- Responsible for look deving the shading of fx and environment assets in shots.

• Created basic comps of renders in Nuke for presenting to the supervisors and giving comp a starting point.

#### Laika LLC | Hillsboro, OR | Sept 2014 - Dec 2014

#### CG Texture Artist Intern:

- UVed and textured environment, prop, and crowd character assets before handing off to the Look Dev department for shading and lighting.
- Worked closely with Look Dev artists to create believable and photo-real assets that will match their live action counterparts on the stop-motion set.

## Big Picture Entertainment | Culver City, CA | June 2014 - Sept 2014

#### Freelance:

• Worked on Surfacing and Look Dev for a creature for an independent film project.

#### Legacy Effects | San Fernando, CA | Nov 2013 - Dec 2013

Intern:

• Worked in the Design and 3D sculpting and 3D printing departments.

## **PROJECTS**:

The Boys Season 4 (2024) Godzilla X Kong : The New Empire (2024) Rebel Moon : A Child of Fire (2023) Citadel (2023) Lyle Lyle Crocodile (2022) Thor: Love and Thunder (2022) Dr Strange and the Multiverse of Madness (2022) Bullet Train (2022) Uncharted (2022) Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021)

## **PRIMARY SKILLS :**

Lighting Look Dev Compositing Texturing Foundation (2021) Star Trek Discovery Season 3 (2020) Locke & Key - Episode 10 (2020) Sacred Lies The Singing Bones (2020) Wonder Women 1984 (2020) Y- Pilot Episode (2020) Runaways Season 3 (2019) Togo (2019) Fast & Furious Presents Hobs and Shaw (2019) The Dark Crystal Age of Resistance (2019) Hotzone (2019)

## **SOFTWARE SKILLS** :

Katana Clarisse Maya Unreal Engine Houdini Nuke Mari Photoshop

#### 2.0 (2019) Godzilla King of Monsters (2019) Antman and the Wasp (2018) Pacific Rim Uprising (2018) Blade Runner 2049 (2017) Ghost in the Shell (2017) Suicide Squad (2016) X-Men Apocalypse (2016) A Monster Calls (2016) Tarzan (2016) Kubo and the Two Strings (2015)

## **RENDER ENGINES :**

Renderman Arnold Unreal Isotropix V-ray

## AWARDS :

#### Star Trek Discovery Season 3

Primetime Emmy Awards 2021 | Outstanding Special Visual Effects in a Single Episode

#### Blade Runner 2049

Oscars 2018 | Best Achievement in Visual Effects BAFTA Awards 2018 | Best Achievement in Special Visual Effects

## CITIZENSHIP :

United States of America Canada

### **EDUCATION:**

Savannah College of Art & Design | Sept 2010 - June 2014 Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts (BFA) in Visual Effects with a Minor in Technical Direction