

# DANIEL BRUZZESE

# VFX TECHNICAL ARTIST

# CONTACT

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# ACCOLADES

Winner of the 2019 Student Emmy for Animation/Graphics/Special Effects from the NATAS New England Chapter

Dean's List 2016 - 2021

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Houdini Nuke Unreal + Unity Autodesk Maya Redshift/Mantra/Karma/Vray Substance Painter

> C++ • Python • Vex Java • HTML • CSS

#### SKILLS

Procedural/Simulated Visual Effects Realtime Effects for Games AR/VR Content Creation

## **INTERESTS**

Snowboarding, Survivor, Dog Training

# EXPERIENCE

Walt Disney Animation Studios, Los Angeles, CA (Jun. 2024 – Oct. 2024)

- Credited artist for "Moana 2"
- Shot work included oceans, white water, fluid simulations, tornados, lightning, and more.

#### **Effects Artist**

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DreamWorks Animation, Los Angeles, CA (Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2024)

- Credited artist for "The Wild Robot", "Kung Fu Panda 4", "Trolls: Band Together", "Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken", and "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish".
- Shot work included fire simulations of varying styles, fluid simulations, rigid body dynamics, volumetric work, and more.

#### Augmented Reality Artist Collaboration (Freelance)

The Morris Museum, Morris, NJ (Jun. 2021 – Sep. 2021)

- "Body Double" exhibition on display from Nov. 2021 through April 2022.
  Collaborated with visual artists the Safarani Sisters to develop a mixed reality art installation to be viewed with the Microsoft HoloLens.
- Created the 3D portion of the installation in Houdini and then developed it into a Unity application built for the HoloLens using Microsoft's Mixed Reality Toolkit.

#### **Multimedia Designer**

Boston Red Sox, Boston, MA (Jan. – Dec. 2019 & Dec. 2020 – Sep. 2021)

- Developed and tested engaging augmented reality experiences in collaboration with Major League Baseball using MLB's AR toolkit, Spark AR, and Lens Studio for distribution to over 30,000 fans per game.
- Produced 3D models and animations using Autodesk Maya for social media accounts with over 2 million followers as well as branded promotional content for web distribution.

#### Junior CG Artist

ZERO VFX, Boston, MA (Sep. 2019 – Mar. 2020)

• Created high resolution CG assets for feature films, television, and advertisements using Autodesk Maya, Substance Painter, and Vray.

## EDUCATION

#### Northeastern University Boston, MA

BFA in Media Arts, Graduated May 2021 with Honors

Concentration in Animation and a Minor in Computer Science