

JUSTIN DOBIES

Lighting Supervisor

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Experienced Lighting Supervisor with over 13 years of experience in feature animation. Passionate about leading a team to deliver the best quality images through hard work, mentorship, organization and attention to detail. Strong technical and artistic skills with a reputation for problem solving complex visual and technical challenges.

EMPLOYMENT

DNEG Feature Animation - Lighting Supervisor/Lead Lighter (2016 – present)

Supervised a team of artist on multiple continents working remotely to achieve the client's artistic vision for a unique pushed look. Worked directly with clients to turn their 2d concepts into a dimensional world. Pioneered the creation of the feature animation lighting pipeline, worked with developers to create a multi-shot workflow for feature animation within an existing vfx pipeline. Developed tools for lighting and look-development departments to increase efficiency and consistency. Created Look-Dev light rigs and templates as well as establishing a delivery spec between upstream departments.

Walt Disney Animation Studios - Sr. Lighting Artist (2013 – 2019)

Key lit and matched existing lighting for "Frozen", "Big Hero 6", "Feast", "Zootopia", "Moana" and "Frozen 2". Collaborated with upstream departments to develop the look for complex assets and effects. Developed and ran the Nuke training curriculum for the lighting department. Created python scripts and tools to assist artists in their daily tasks.

Sony Pictures Imageworks - Sr. Lighting Artist (2016)

Lit one-off shots featuring matte painting integration in Katana/Arnold and matched existing keys for "Alice Through the Looking Glass".

DreamWorks Animation SKG - Lighting Artist (2008 – 2013)

Lighting and compositing of production shots using proprietary renderer for "Shrek Forever After", "Puss in Boots", "Rise of the Guardians" and "Turbo". Mentored and trained new hires in lighting department. Worked with upstream departments to develop solutions to cross-departmental issues.

EDUCATION AND HONORS

MSc Digital Media, Drexel University, 2008
Mental Health First Aider – MHFA England
Visual Effects Society Member
Contributor: Eurographics 2009

BSc in Digital Media, Drexel University, 2007
DNEG Career Coach
Training Award, Dreamworks Animation 2009
Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

INTERESTS

Travel, photography, nature walks, video games, board games and baking pies.

SOFTWARE

Maya
Katana
Nuke
Clarissee

LANGUAGES

Python
C++
PHP
HTML / CSS

RENDERERS

Hyperion
RenderMan
Arnold
V-Ray