



**MOHAMED ECHKOUNA**

**Visual Effects Artist**

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**OBJECTIVE**

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To obtain a position as an FX TD, creating artistic and photorealistic imagery in collaboration with a talented team. Willing to relocate.

**EDUCATION**

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**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Effects, Minor in Technical Direction, 2016**

- Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta Campus, Georgia

**Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies, 2011**

- African Leadership Academy, Johannesburg, South Africa

**APPLICATIONS/PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

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**PROFICIENT**

- Houdini
- Maya
- NukeX
- Photoshop
- Linux

**FAMILIAR**

- Python Scripting Language
- RenderMan
- MEL
- Bash Scripting Language
- RSL
- XSI

**SKILLS**

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- Effects Animation
- Digital Lighting
- Compositing
- Programming
- Cinematography
- 3D Modeling

**EXPERIENCE**

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**Framestore** – New York, New York

Sep 2016 – Present

*FX Intern*

- Working on variety of effects animation such as sand and snow

**Triggerfish Animation Studios** – Cape Town, South Africa

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015

*Visual Effects Intern*

- Worked on Stick Man Animated Film: Completed 50 VFX shots of snow, river, ocean and their different behaviors and interactions with moving characters and objects.

**NASA and SCAD Collaborative Project** – Atlanta, Georgia

Mar 2014 – May 2014

*Visual Effects Student Participant*

- Concept development, drawings and digital montages
- Created a full Animatic for one of the chosen concepts

**OxBlue Corporation** – Atlanta, Georgia

Mar 2014 – Jun 2014

*Visual Effects and Video Editing Intern*

- Color corrected, stabilized and tracked time-lapse sequences
- Edited 50 time-lapse sequences, 1 demo video and 1 advertisement

**CNN** – Atlanta, Georgia

Feb 2012

*Video Editing Freelance*

- Edited Arabic and French segments of the documentary “Slavery’s Last Stronghold”

**HONORS, AWARDS and MEMBERSHIPS**

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- UMSIZI FUND Skills Acquisition Grant recipient 2015
- SCAD Atlanta Student Leader of the Year Award recipient 2014
- Composer for GENERATE 2013 and 2014 VFX Challenge winning teams 2013 and 2014
- United Student Forum Coordinator at SCAD 2013 – 2016
- MasterCard Foundation Scholar 2012 – 2016
- SCAD Artistic Honors Scholarship recipient 2011 – 2016
- SCAD Multicultural Scholarship recipient 2011 – 2016
- Bezos Family Foundation Scholarship recipient (at the African Leadership Academy) Sep 2010 – Jun 2011

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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- Fluent in speaking, writing, reading English and Arabic.
- Intermediate in speaking, writing and reading French.