



## MOHAMED ECHKOUNA

FX Technical Director

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### 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

#### PROFICIENT

- Houdini
- VEX Scripting
- NukeX
- Photoshop
- Maya

#### FAMILIAR

- Hscript
- Python
- RenderMan
- MEL

- Bash Scripting Language
- RSL
- XSI

### SKILLS

- Effects Animation
- Scripting
- Procedural Modeling and Shading
- Cinematography
- Writing and Directing
- Compositing

### EXPERIENCE

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#### Framestore - New York, New York

Dec 2016 - Present

*Junior FX Technical Director*

- Research and Development of character and non-character based effects animation for a variety of commercials and virtual reality projects.

#### Trail of Hope Film - Nouakchott, MR & Atlanta, GA

Dec 2015 - Jun 2016

*Writer and Director*

- Developed the story into a screenplay, carried out the technical research, production logistics and directed the film.
- Toured over a dozen festivals worldwide including Cannes, and won multiple awards.

#### Triggerfish Animation Studios - Cape Town, South Africa

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015

*Visual Effects Intern*

- Worked on the film Stick Man: 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 Participant*

- Concept development, drawing and digital montage.
- Created a full Animatic for one of the approved concepts.

#### CNN - Atlanta, Georgia

Feb 2012

*Video Editing Freelance*

- Edited Arabic and French segments of documentaries

### HONORS, AWARDS and MEMBERSHIPS

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- RedDot Design Award winner 2017
- BAFTA Student Awards Shortlist 2016
- Carthage Film Festival Jury Prize winner 2016
- Nouakchott Film Festival Grand Prix winner 2016
- SCAD Atlanta Student Leader of the Year Award recipient 2013 - 2014
- United Student Forum Coordinator at SCAD 2013 - 2016
- MasterCard Foundation Scholar 2012 - 2016
- Bezos Family Foundation Scholarship recipient (at the African Leadership Academy) 2010 - 2011

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

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