



## 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

#### Entrepreneurship and Leadership Studies, 2011

- African Leadership Academy, Johannesburg, South Africa

### APPLICATIONS/PROGRAMMING

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#### PROFICIENT

- Houdni
- VEX Scripting
- NukeX
- Photoshop
- Maya

#### FAMILIAR

- Davinci Resolve
- Hscript
- Python
- RenderMan

- Bash Scripting Language
- MEL
- RSL
- XSI

### SKILLS

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- 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

##### FX Technical Director

- Research, development and execution of character and non-character based effects animation for Netflix & HBO shows, 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 and 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

- Completed 50 VFX shots of snow, river, ocean and their different behaviors and interactions with moving characters and objects on the film *Stick Man*.

#### NASA and SCAD Collaborative Project - Atlanta, Georgia

Mar 2014 - May 2014

##### Visual Effects Participant

- Concept development, drawing and digital montages for a NASA project.
- Created a full Animatic for an approved concept.

#### 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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- RedDot Design Award winner 2017
- BAFTA Student Awards Shortlist 2016
- Carthage Film Festival Jury Prize winner 2016
- Nouakchott Film Festival Grand Prix winner 2016
- MasterCard Foundation Scholar 2012 - 2016
- Bezos Family Foundation Scholar 2010 - 2011

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

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