

# Mary-Margaret Conley

Visual Effects Artist /Render Systems Administrator

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Detailed oriented solutions focused Render Systems Administrator, and Visual Effects Artist with a 3+ year experience supporting render Farms and Studio Operations . I am technically proficient with Side effects Houdini, Avid, Race render software . I have exceptional background knowledge , experience and,hands on proficiency with Studio Softwares . I have outstanding troubleshooting skills, and the ability to clearly communicate technical subjects,and mentor others. I am experienced with multi-platform sensitive data environments , inbound and outbound client content control, and all aspects of render farm management.

Technical Experience:

### *Core competencies include:*

Render Farm Software, GUI and command-line	Adobe After Effects
Houdini	Adobe Illustrator
Nuke	Adobe Photoshop
AVID	Adobe Premiere
Linux, Ubuntu, Debian , SUSE	Shake
Windows XP	Veritas
Macintosh	VMWare Server & Workstation
BASH scripting, Python	SSH / Remote Machine and Server trouble shooting
Volume Space Management	Tape Back-up Systems

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### **Professional Experience**

Managing Render systems across multi-platforms	Managing Strict Delivery Deadlines
In-depth Houdini Trouble-shooting	Superior Customer Service
Teaching Departmental Classes	Ability to jump between roles of tech support and Artist

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### **Director Digital Productions**

**Lucid SFX Development**

**production company Savannah GA 2009**

Generalist with duties ranging from Pre-Visual Art work , Camera Work and Studio Marketing Promote and gather new clients for Studio. Commercial Production as Photoshop and Houdini artist , Pre-Visualization artist for mockup for new projects . Assist in Studio operations, Buying of equipment and Technical Consulting.

#### **Projects**

- **BlackSkin.com TV advertisement**, Texture and Photo retouch artist .
- **Works in progress**: Consultant and Client project manager .

**Render I/O Administrator**  
**Digital Domain Venice, CA 2008-2009**

Client in and out for film and commercials to DVD/Hard drive, Created accounting logs for each Client drive. Managing back-up data and restoration, Troubleshoot Render Farm Issues. Assigned and managed hard drive space for jobs. Maintain CPU's, Log problem reports, Liaison between Production and Systems

**Projects**

- Film Client I/O : 2012, GI Joe, Transformers 2
- Tape Back up and Restoration: moving ATI tapes to LTO4
- Cataloging Tape backups ,and vault organizational management
- Render management support Staff : 2012, G I Joe, Transformers 2 , Benjamin Buttons
- Render management support Staff : Various Commercials
- Render Machine Trouble Shooting ,disk space management
- Digital Domain Training : prepared and taught four part intro to Houdini Class.

**Jr. Digital Production Administrator**  
**Digital Domain Venice CA 2007-2008**

Troubleshoot and Activate Renders, Assign and manage hard drive space for jobs. Maintain CPU's. Log problem reports, Liaison between Production and Systems

**Projects**

- Render management support Staff : The Dark is Rising, The Golden Compass, Mummy 3, Speed Racer
- Render management support Staff : Commercials Bacardi Slosh, SOBE, Red/ White
- Commercials Support , Creating Show Directories and managing software licensees

**AVID Editor and Generalist**  
**Slappy Studios Universal City CA 2007**

Line Producer , AVID Editor, Camera Assistant, and handled the Tape Logging and network infrastructure for the studio.

Also a Photoshop artist , After Effects compositor, and handled online Advertising for the studio,and Trained new Employees

**Projects**

- The Power of Mentorship,"The Law of Attraction." movie. 2007
- Mick Moore Promotional Commercial . 2007

**Free-Lance Designer, Graphic Design**

- JAGO, ,Logo Design ,Tuscan AZ 2009
- Savlug.org , website design ,Savannah GA 2009
- Reboot our Democracy, 30 second Video: Los Angeles CA 2008
- The Farmacy /Herb King, Coupons Fliers Design :Westwood CA 2007
- DVD video , After Effects , Premier-Pro editing Hollywood CA, 2007
- Charisma Dental , Logo: Atlanta GA 2007
- ALMO, Dog friendly singles group, business cards, letterhead ,fliers : Savannah GA 2006

- SavLUG, Fliers, advertising ,Web-logos. : Savannah GA 2005
- The Open Store,Banners , Letterhead : Savannah GA 2004

**Photographer**

**Savannah Morning News, Savannah GA 2005- 2006**

I photographed current Events around Savannah GA and uploaded them to Pixels Community Website

**Projects**

- Taste of Savannah, Savannah Trade and Convention Center 2006
- New Years Eve ,City Market ,Savannah GA 2005-06
- Tybee Memorial Health Marathon, Tybee Island GA 2006

**Graphic Designer**

**HKT Import Toys ,Poughkeepsie NY 2000-2002**

Catalog Designer, retail and wholesale catalogs 2000-2002

**Projects**

- Promotional Materials Designer
- Product Photographer
- Digitizing and Cataloging Inventory Images
- Updating Mugentoys and HKT toys websites

**Operations Assistant**

**HKT Import Toys Poughkeepsie NY 1999-2002**

Assisted in the District supervision and management of a retail /wholesale chain.

Merchandised the stores and assisted setting stock Layouts in Kingston , Poughkeepsie and Middletown retail stores

Supervised front end and coordinated with managers to make sure production ,and scheduling ran smoothly.

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**Education, Training & Certificate**

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**Houdini Master Certificate, October 2006**

Vancouver Film School ,Vancouver BC , Canada

**Bachelor of Fine Arts, May 2006**

Savannah College of Art and Design,  
School of Film and Digital Media, Savannah, GA  
Major: Visual Effects

**NYSSMA Certificate of Completion, 1998**

New York State Summer School of the Media Arts, Ithaca, New York  
Focus: 3-D

