



# MICHAEL ANDERSON

## LEAD PARTICLE EFFECTS ARTIST

### PROFILE

Accomplished Particle Effects Artist with a specialization in cinematic visual effects for film and television. Extensive experience in crafting stunning particle animations that elevate narrative intensity and audience immersion. Proficient in leveraging advanced software tools such as After Effects and Nuke to produce high-quality effects that resonate with viewers. A strong advocate for innovative techniques and continuous improvement, consistently experimenting with new methodologies to enhance visual storytelling.

### EXPERIENCE

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##### Industrial Light & Magic

2016 - Present

- Developed particle effects for major blockbuster films, enhancing visual storytelling.
- Collaborated closely with directors to align effects with artistic vision.
- Utilized Nuke for compositing particle effects into live-action footage.
- Conducted research on new particle simulation techniques and implemented findings.
- Trained and supervised a team of junior artists in particle effects workflows.
- Presented effects sequences to stakeholders for feedback and approval.

#### PARTICLE EFFECTS ARTIST

##### Weta Digital

2014 - 2016

- Created realistic particle effects for award-winning films, contributing to immersive experiences.
- Worked with animators to synchronize effects with character movements.
- Optimized particle simulations for efficiency and visual quality.
- Participated in creative brainstorming sessions to develop innovative effects ideas.
- Maintained an organized library of particle assets for easy access by the team.
- Provided constructive feedback during peer reviews to enhance overall project quality.

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### SKILLS

- After Effects
- Nuke
- Particle Simulation
- Compositing
- Visual Storytelling
- Team Leadership

### LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- French

### EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN VISUAL EFFECTS, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contributed to three Academy Award-winning films for Best Visual Effects.
- Increased team productivity by 25% through the implementation of new workflows.
- Recognized as Employee of the Month for outstanding project contributions.