

# MICHAEL ANDERSON

Senior Simulation Artist

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Distinguished Simulation Artist with over a decade of extensive experience in the realm of visual effects and real-time rendering. Expertise encompasses the creation of immersive environments and intricate simulations that enhance storytelling within the gaming and film industries. Demonstrated proficiency in utilizing cutting-edge software such as Unreal Engine and Maya, alongside a profound understanding of physics-based simulations.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Senior Simulation Artist | Epic Games

Jan 2022 – Present

- Developed high-fidelity simulations for next-gen gaming titles utilizing Unreal Engine.
- Collaborated with artists and designers to create dynamic environmental effects.
- Implemented real-time physics simulations that enhanced gameplay mechanics.
- Conducted performance optimizations to ensure seamless integration of visual elements.
- Mentored junior artists, providing guidance on best practices in simulation techniques.
- Presented simulation techniques at industry conferences, showcasing innovative methods.

### Simulation Artist | Industrial Light & Magic

Jul 2019 – Dec 2021

- Created realistic fluid and particle simulations for feature films.
- Worked closely with directors to visualize complex scenes through simulations.
- Utilized proprietary software to enhance visual storytelling through effects.
- Participated in iterative feedback sessions to refine visual assets.
- Assisted in the development of training materials for new simulation software.
- Contributed to award-winning projects recognized for exceptional visual effects.

## SKILLS

Unreal Engine

Maya

Houdini

Visual Effects

Real-time Rendering

Physics Simulations

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation

2015 – 2019

Ringling College of Art and Design

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received the Visual Effects Society Award for Outstanding Animated Character for work on a blockbuster film.
- Contributed to a project that achieved a BAFTA nomination for Best Visual Effects.
- Developed a patented simulation technique that improved rendering efficiency by 30%.

## LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

French