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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

REVISION DIRECTOR 2022

Rick and Morty

Green Portal Productions/Adult Swim, Burbank, CA

- Directed revisions of various episodes after extensive re-writes.
- Managed large team of storyboard revisionists and artists. Assigned, reviewed, and noted storyboard sequences.

# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Drainland (Pilot)

Netflix/Titmouse, Los Angeles, CA

 Assisted in the directing and storyboarding of the pilot, working with the production team of BIG MOUTH.

DIRECTOR 2021

Kopi Luwak

Titmouse, Los Angeles, CA

Responsible for all deliverables for a 2-minute feature film proof of concept.
Personally created the complete storyboard, character design, and art direction.

**DIRECTOR** 2018 – 2020

Curious George 5: Go West, Go Wild

Universal Animation Studios, Glendale, CA

• Directed Peacock's tentpole animation property, Curious George, based on the classic children's books.

**SHOW CREATOR** 2017 – 2018

Rotten

Cartoon Network, Burbank, CA

- Original TV series pitch.
- Development of bible/outline/script/character design/storyboards.

#### STORY CONSULTANT

Playmobil: The Movie

ON Animation Studios, Los Angeles, CA

• Developed film with the director, writer, and producers. Created and shaped themes, plot, and characters as well as teasers and trailers.

#### **DIRECTOR**

Satellites

Paramount Animation, Los Angeles, CA

2015 - 2016

2016 - 2018

 Developed story and characters for project based on a concept from Dark Horse Comics.

2022

**STORY ARTIST** 1999 – 2014

Walt Disney Feature Animation, Burbank, CA

- Story/Character development:
  - o Tangled
  - Bears (Disneynature Film Studio)
  - Prep and Landing (Emmy certificate recipient)
  - Enchanted
  - o Bolt

- o Operation: Secret Santa
- Prep and Landing: Naughty vs. Nice (Emmy certificate recipient)
- o Glago's Guest (Short)
- Home on the Range ("Story by" credit)

### PRODUCER-WRITER-DIRECTOR

2011 - 2013

Pudding Toast (Pilot)

Nickelodeon Studios, Burbank, CA

• Co-wrote and produced with Daniel Chong.

**WRITER-DIRECTOR** 2001 – 2005

Lilo and Stitch 2: Stitch has a Glitch

Disney Toon Studios, Burbank, CA

- Co-writer/Co-director (Annie nominee for Best Writing in an Animated Feature Production).
- Kronk's New Groove ("Story by" credit)

## STORYBOARD ARTIST

1997 – 1999

Warner Brothers Animation, Burbank, CA

- Pinky and the Brain
- Wakko's Christmas Wish
- Baby Blues

## STORYBOARD ARTIST/ANIMATOR

1995 – 1997

MTV Studios, New York, NY

- Beavis and Butt-Head (Series)
- Beavis and Butt-Head Do America (Feature)
- Daria (Series)

#### **EDUCATION**

# Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I.

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration.
- Studied graphic design, sculpture, painting, and illustration with notable artists including Chris Van Allsburg.