

Gracie Szymanski

FX Artist

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Effects, Minor in Technical Direction

09/2022 - 06/2026

Savannah College of Art and Design, GPA: 4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Editor-in-Chief | RenderQ

03/2024 - Present

- Led weekly editorial meetings to produce an award-winning student magazine covering visual effects and film. including articles, tutorials, and interviews.
- Developed software tutorial resources to support peer learning and skill development.

Barista | The Sentient Bean, Coffee Shop

07/2025 - Present

- Demonstrated strong multitasking and communication skills in a high-pressure environment, serving up to 300 customers per shift with exceptional customer service.

Social and Visual Brand Director | The Miracle League of Palm Beach County, Non-Profit

06/2024 - 02/2025

- Developed a cohesive visual brand, enhancing the organization's aesthetic and strengthening its identity across digital platforms.
- Managed and curated content for Instagram and Facebook increasing following by over 100.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

FX Artist | SCAD x Harbor x ETC

01/2026 - Present

- Collaborated with a team to create a high-quality mock advertisement, receiving weekly critique from industry mentors at Harbor and ETC, and daily critique from professors.
- Researched and iteratively tested cloth, hair, and particle simulations to develop a refined effect.

Co-Producer/Co-Director, FX Artist | Senior Thesis Short Film: Metamorphosis

05/2025 - Present

- Managed a 20+ artist team across scheduling, task delegation, and project milestones while contributing to story development and creative direction.
- Designed and implemented the production pipeline, streamlining cross-departmental workflows.
- Supervised and produced original FX work, including particle simulations, environmental effects, and cloth simulations while gaining LED Volume on-set experience.

Co-Founder, President | SCAD Women in VFX Club

04/2024 - Present

- Co-founded a club dedicated to supporting women, minorities, and allies in the SCAD Visual Effects department.
- Organized guest speaker events with industry professionals to provide members with career insights and guidance.
- Managed club officers and delegated responsibilities to ensure consistent operations..

LookDev Artist | SCAD x The Mill Collaboration

09/2024 - 11/2024

- Collaborated with a team to create a high-quality mock advertisement, receiving weekly critique from industry mentors at The Mill and daily critique from professors.
- Gained on-set experience co-directing and operating Blackmagic cameras.
- Designed and refined lighting and shaders to achieve physically accurate images throughout the production pipeline.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

SIGGRAPH Student Volunteer | SIGGRAPH Denver Convention 2024

07/2024

- Assisted in administrative tasks while engaging in networking events.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Houdini, Maya, Nuke, Davinci Resolve,
Photoshop, Substance Painter, Python Coding

SOFT SKILLS

Organized, Natural Leader, Traditionally Trained
Artist, Team Player, Constantly Curious