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EDUCATION

Parsons School of Design - The New School

New York, NY

Master of Fine Arts in Design and Technology GPA: 3.94

Aug 2023 – May 2025

Relevant Coursework: Mobile and Application Design, Interaction Design, New Media Art, Motion Graphics, Game Design, Web and UI/UX design, Digital Filmmaking, Storytelling

Srishti Institute of Art, Design, and Technology

Bengaluru, IN

Bachelor of Design in Creative and Applied Computation CGPA: 7.13

Jul 2019 - Jul 2023

Relevant Coursework: 3D Webpage Design, Mobile and Application Design, UI/UX, AR, VR

SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

ProgramsBlender 3D, Adobe Suite, Photoshop, After Effects, Illustrator, Aero, Premier Pro, Procreate, AR/VRWorkshopsMetal Work, Wood working, 3D Printing, Screen Printing, Furniture Design, Lighting Product Design

Other Tabletop game design, Product design, Ceramics, Mixed Media work, Oil Painting

WORK EXPERIENCE

Parsons School Of Design

Graduate Teaching Assistant

New York City, NY

Jan 2025 – Present

- Teaching Assistant for undergraduate university course, Immersive Storytelling taken by approx. 100 students
- Engaged with students during office hours, providing individualized academic assistance to over 20 learners weekly, thereby enhancing their understanding of course material and improving average assignment deliverables

Parsons Making Centre - Ceramics and Casting Studio

New York City, NY

Student Assistant

Mar 2024 – Present

- Supported maintenance, troubleshooting and upkeep of various machinery, ensuring optimal functionality
- Assisted students with equipment checkout, order pickup, and project inquiries to enhance the learning environment

Viacom18 Network - MTV India

Mumbai, IN

Design Intern

Jul 2022 - Jul 2022

- Designed rendered concepts for a new logo of a reality tv show with over 700M views called 'Splitsvilla'
- Ideated and illustrated pixel MTV logos for an upcoming Roadies special NFT launch collaborating with Fully Flatoo
- Created and edited graphics and logos for an upcoming travel tv show 'What's Your Venue'

Viacom18 Network - MTV India

Mumbai, IN

Design Intern

Jul 2021 - Aug 2021

- Conceptualized and rendered a station bug animation for Independence Day, significant part of which was later aired
 on television as well as on the mobile app with over 600M viewers
- Illustrated a social media poster to promote an upcoming stand-up comedy show 'Comedy Basecamp'
- Ideated a concept sketch for an upcoming tv show poster, which was later 3D rendered by other members on the team

PROJECTS

Storytelling Through 3D World (On Going Thesis Project) (link)

- Developing an interactive 3D immersive world using scanned natural elements like forests, mycelium, and mushrooms
- Captured realistic textures and organic forms with 3D scanning, creating a visually dynamic virtual space
- Integrated 3D assets and optimized environments in Blender and Unity to enhance user interaction.

Storytelling - Animation, Graphic Novel, Data Story (link)

- Designed and modeled a 3D character for an animated short film centered around the theme of "tiny things in life". The character design was later incorporated into a graphic novel
- Conducted in-depth research to gather supporting data for a narrative told through data visualization