

KELLY COPELAND

Lighting Artist | Look Development | Environment

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TOOLS

Maya

Arnold

Houdini

Nuke

Substance Painter

Rebelle

Final Cut Pro

Premiere

SKILLS

Lighting & Rendering (Arnold)

Physically based lighting

HDRi Lighting

Texture look development

Digital matte painting

Node-based workflows

Material & shader development

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in 3D Animation and Visual Effects
Academy of Art University
San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Behavioral Science Psychology
Hardin-Simmons University
Abilene, TX

Associate of Applied Science Film & Videography
College of Southern Nevada
Las Vegas, NV

ANIMATION EXPERIENCE

FLICKER – SHORT FILM
Studio X Productions | San Francisco, CA | 2025

- Created painted textures for background environments and props using Rebelle and Substance Painter
- Contributed to the development of surface materials and visual style for environment assets
- Lit and rendered environment shots in Maya and Arnold to establish mood, atmosphere, and visual storytelling.
- Collaborated with the team during shot development, adapting quickly to feedback and direction.

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD
Seasonal Supervisor – Halloween Horror Nights, Grinchmas

2007 – 2009, 2010-2012, 2017

- Supervised entertainment operations during large-scale seasonal events including Halloween Horror Nights and Grinchmas
- Coordinated with performers, operations teams, and event staff to maintain show quality and guest experience
- Supported live entertainment environments in a fast-paced themed production setting

Character Performer

2007 – 2009, 2010-2012, 2017

- Performed as themed park characters in immersive storytelling environments
- Delivered interactive guest experiences while maintaining character performance standards
- Maintained strict character integrity, physical performance standards, and immersive storytelling for thousands of daily guests

RWS GLOBAL
Show Director – Six Flags Fright Fest Extreme

2024

- Directed live entertainment experiences for Six Flags Fright Fest Extreme seasonal event
- Directed rehearsals and performance blocking for cast members to maintain show consistency and storytelling
- Managed performers and coordinated production operations within a large-scale themed entertainment environment
- Ensured consistent show quality, performance standards, and immersive guest experiences during nightly performances