Max Loren Shepard

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) – May 2011
Merit Scholarship recipient, Emphasis of study in Painting, Sculpture and Animation

SKILLS

- Mold making and casting methods; silicone, latex, foam, plastics, wax, clay, concrete, etc.
- Traditional sculpting techniques
- Concept design, illustration, and painting, in both digital and traditional mediums.
- Capable carpentry, and woodworking skills, including set construction.
- Working knowledge of Dragonframe, Adobe Creative Suite, After Effects, and Final Cut Pro
- Stop-Motion and 2-D animation skills, including story boarding and editing.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Designer and Illustrator, 2010 to present.

Fabricator/Production Assistant, The Character Shop, Simi Valley CA - Dec. 12 - Feb 2013
- Foam and mechanical fabrication for large-scale creature/puppets.
- Hair, fur, and feather preparation
- On set and in studio support

Puppet Fabricator (Intern), Stoopid Buddy Stoodios, Burbank CA – Feb. 2012– Sep. 2012
- Armature, parts, and rapid prototype production
- Mold making and casting in silicone, foam, and rigid plastics
- Puppet construction, painting, and clean-up

Naturalist / IT Specialist, Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, Silverado CA – Nov. 2011 – Sept. 2012
- Created and developed graphics for signs, brochures, and other projects
- Managed Web content, social media, and technical development
- Assisted in creation and application of educational programs and interpretive projects

Groundskeeper, Meadowbrook Apartments, Lawrence KS - 2011
- Responsible for maintaining the health and appearance of the flora for 70 plus buildings
- Assisted in various projects, including carpentry, painting and repair

Research Assistant, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL – 2009 – 2010
- Prepared study specimens for the Ornithology and Mammalogy departments' permanent research collections
- Recorded data and gave information to tours and guests

Guest Services Representative, John G. Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, IL – 2010
- Facilitated guests needs and conflicts on a daily basis, duties included; information, tour guiding, ticket sales, animal handling, and special events
- Adhered to strict customer relations and public safety protocol

EVENTS/PUBLICATIONS

Wondermark.com, 2013 Gaxian Almanac/Calender, (international sales) - 2013

South Mass Art Guild, solo show, Lawrence KS – Summer 2012

TrueFin.com, weekly comic, “Vagrants”, Los Angeles CA, Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Morpho Gallery, group show, “Natural Translations”, Chicago IL, July 2011

Gene Siskal Film Center, B.F.A. Film, Video, and New Media thesis show, Chicago, IL, May 2011

Green Lantern Gallery, Chicago IL, 2010
Small group reading of selected short fiction

Urban Bloom, Online Periodical, based in Chicago IL, November Issue, 2010

Flat Iron Gallery, Chicago, IL, 2009
Live puppetry performance as part of large scale collaborative event

Self-Published, Chicago, IL, 2008 - present

ARTBASH, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL – 2008
Group undergraduate show