

Brandon Liu

BACKGROUND PAINTING · VISUAL DEVELOPMENT · PROP DESIGN

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EDUCATION

Art Center College of
Design

BA Illustration /
Entertainment Arts

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SKILLS

Background Painting

Visual Development

Prop Design

Illustration

3D Modeling

Color Keys

Matte Painting

SOFTWARE

Photoshop

Blender

Background painter with 5+ years of studio experience across DreamWorks, Nickelodeon, and Warner Bros. Specializing in high-volume production painting across a range of styles. Excels in fast turnaround and executing director vision with high independence.

EXPERIENCE

Flashgitz, Freelance Background Painter (October 2025 – Present)

- Delivered 3+ production-ready backgrounds per week, quickly adapting to established visual language with minimal ramp-up
- Earned expanded responsibilities mid-contract by completing assigned backgrounds ahead of schedule

Warner Bros., Background Painter (April 2025 – August 2025)

- Painted backgrounds and sets in a semi-realistic comic book style for *Get Jiro!* delivering 3+ detailed backgrounds per week ahead of schedule
- Captured art director vision on first pass, working with high independence

Nickelodeon, Background Designer (August 2022 – November 2023)

- Delivered consistently throughout a 15-month production on *Fairly OddParents: A New Wish*, working across the full asset spectrum, including matte paintings, props, sets, characters, and graphics
- Produced color keys establishing the lighting and mood palette for scenes, providing directional reference for the broader painting team
- Maintained low revision rates across asset categories by accurately interpreting creative briefs and proactively clarifying direction before execution

DreamWorks Animation, TV Visual Development (July 2021 – July 2022)

- Developed organic and mechanical props and sets for *Dragons: The Nine Realms*, delivering 10+ assets weekly on tight production deadlines
- Gained front-of-pipeline visual development experience, designing assets at the concept stage where a show's visual language and creative direction are first established