

BRANDON GONZALES

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VISUAL DEVELOPMENT | ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN

Dedicated Artist & Matte Painter with a broad bandwidth for producing high-quality visual effects, matte paintings, and concept art for a broad range of projects, from logo and product design to theme parks and film. Talent for creating detailed and realistic matte paintings for backgrounds and environments. Excels at developing and maintaining innovative systems and solutions that streamline the design pipeline. Possesses strong creative instincts with a capacity to build and refine concept art projects in motion. Strong familiarity with visual storytelling techniques and narrative structure that add value to storyboards and concepts. Possesses a Master of Fine Arts in Painting and a Bachelor's in Entertainment Design. Valued for the ability to work collaboratively across teams, building cohesive relationships with project managers, artists, and other designers to enhance the visual development process.

- *Continually seeks to improve design and development skills, swiftly adapting to new technologies while mentoring junior and veteran team members in best industry practices.*
- *Retained by employers and recognized by clients for advanced visual development knowledge in stylization, theme, narrative illustration, storyboarding, color, lighting, mood, environment, and design.*
- *Proven versatility with hands-on development experience and academic education, instilling students with the fundamentals of art, design, and visual development.*

CORE COMPETENCIES

• <i>Matte & Digital Painting</i>	• <i>Art & Design Management</i>	• <i>Instruction & Mentorship</i>
• <i>Multi-Project Management</i>	• <i>Design Process Oversight</i>	• <i>Concept Art Development</i>
• <i>Cross-Functional Collaboration</i>	• <i>Detailed Storyboarding</i>	• <i>Human-Centered Design</i>
• <i>Continuous Concept Improvement</i>	• <i>Rendering & Illustration</i>	• <i>Narrative Storytelling</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LDS MOTION PICTURE STUDIO • Salt Lake City, UT

Digital Matte Painter / Concept Artist • 2021 – Present

Digital Matte Painter / Concept Artist • 2019

MOLECULE VFX • Los Angeles, CA

Digital Matte Painter • 2018 – 2019

STARGATE STUDIOS • South Pasadena, CA

Matte Painter Supervisor • 2014 – 2016

Senior Matte Painter • 2013 – 2016

THINKWELL GROUP • Los Angeles, CA

Concept Artist • 2013

PICTURE PLANE IMAGING • Los Angeles, CA

Concept Artist / Illustrator • 2013

HAMMERHEAD PRODUCTIONS • Sherman Oaks, CA

Matte Painter / Concept Artist • 2011 – 2013

THE ALCHEMISTS TRANSMEDIA • Los Angeles, CA

Concept Artist / Illustrator • 2012

BRANDON GONZALES STUDIOS • Remote

Concept Artist / Illustrator • 2011

RHYTHM & HUES • El Segundo, CA

Conceptual Matte Painter • 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SENTIENT ACADEMY • Online
Instructor • 2020 – Present

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY • Buena Vista, VA
Associate Professor / Art & Design Program Coordinator • 2019 – 2023

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN • Laguna Beach, CA
Adjunct Professor • 2018 – 2019

MT. SIERRA COLLEGE • Monrovia, CA
Adjunct Professor • 2018 – 2019

GNOMON SCHOOL OF VFX • Hollywood, CA
Instructor • 2016

STARGATE STUDIOS • Pasadena, CA
Matte Painting Supervisor • 2014 – 2016

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN • Laguna Beach, CA
Master of Fine Arts in Painting, with Honors

ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN • Pasadena, CA
Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Design, with Honors

EXHIBITIONS

THE COMPASS GALLERY • Provo, UT
Fantastically Human • 2025
The Greatest Act of Love • 2025
Guided by Light • 2024
Restore: A Reprise • 2024

LDS CHURCH MUSEUM • Salt Lake City, UT
13 International Church Art Competition • 2025

HAVENLIGHT • Provo, UT
Night in Bethlehem • 2024

MOUNTAIN AMERICA EXPO CENTER • Sandy, UT
Restore: Faith Matters • 2024
Restore: Faith Matters • 2023

WRIT & VISION GALLERY • Provo, UT
Brushstrokes of Grace • 2024

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS • Escondido, CA
OPA 2021 National Exhibition • 2021

REINART FINE ART • Charleston, SC
AIS Impressions Small Works Showcase • 2021

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION • Online
CAC Mars: An Artist Mission • 2021

EARTH FIRE & SPIRIT POTTERY GALLERY • Lexington, VA
September Featured Artist • 2020

FOREST & OCEAN GALLERY • Laguna Beach, CA

LPAPA 4th Annual Water Works • 2020

LPAPA 16th Annual Best of Plein Air • 2020

LPAPA 100 Years En Plein Air • 2018

LPAPA Town & Country • 2018

LPAPA Art & Nature • 2017

LPAPA trains, Planes, & Auto • 2017

LPAPA August Nights • 2017

HERBERT MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA ART • Orange, CA

CAC 109th Gold Medal Show • 2020

NELSON GALLERY • Lexington, VA

Lexington Paint Out • 2019

BEVERLY MCNEIL GALLERY • Birmingham, AL

OPA Eastern Regional Exhibition • 2019

THE OLD MILL • San Marino, CA

CAC 20th Anniversary Exhibition • 2019

CROOKED TREE ART CENTER • Petoskey, MI

AIS Impressions Small Works • 2019

SCULPTURE GARDEN • Bakersfield, CA

5th Kern County Plein Air Festival • 2019

WELLS FARGO • Newport Beach, CA

LPAPA Unexpected Places • 2019

LCAD / CAP Naturescapes • 2018

PMCA • Pasadena, CA

CAC 108th Gold Medal Show • 2019

STUDIO 2817 • Newport Beach, CA

CAC Small on the Wall for Fall • 2018

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS • Laguna Beach, CA

LPAPA Invitational Collectors Gala • 2018

MARY WILLIAMS FINE ARTS • Boulder, CO

OPA Western Regional Exhibition • 2018

SAN CLEMENTE ART GALLERY • San Clemente, CA

17th Annual Paint San Clemente • 2018

LCAD GALLERY 805 • Laguna Beach, CA

The Net Wave: New Masters of Fine Art • 2018

Q ART SALON • Santa Ana, CA

Regarding Reality • 2018

STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM • Steamboat Springs, CO

OPA 2018 National Exhibition • 2018

SPRINGVILLE MUSEUM OF ART • Springville, UT

94th Annual Spring Salon • 2018

BMW • Bakersfield, CA

4th Kern County Plein Air Festival • 2018

JACK MEIER GALLERY • Houston, TX

Art Muse Contest Annual Show • 2018

LAGUNA BEACH CITY HALL • Laguna Beach, CA

Tributary • 2018

Taking Measure • 2016

DAILY BRUSHWORK GALLERY • Online

Savvy Art Competition • 2017

RANDY HIGHER GALLERY • Costa Mesa, CA

6" Squared Exhibition • 2017

ONLINE • Online

8th Annual Plein Air Salon: August / September • 2017

7th Annual Plein Air Salon: June / July • 2017

TIVOLI TOO • Laguna Beach, CA

LPAPA Invitational Collectors Gala • 2017

LPAPA Invitational Collectors Gala • 2016

LAGUNA ART MUSEUM • Laguna Beach, CA

Emerging Masters • 2017

CAST OF CROWNS GALLERY • Laguna Beach, CA

Go Face Yourself • 2017

PLEIN AIR MAGAZINE: OCTOBER ISSUE

11 Artists to Collect Now: The Emerging Plein Air Painters You Need to Know • 2020

AMERICAN ART COLLECTOR MAGAZINE: MAY ISSUE

Artist Focus • 2018

HONORS & AWARDS

OPA SPRING ONLINE SHOWCASE, *Honorable Mention (2019)* • 5TH KERN PLEIN AIR PAINTING FESTIVAL, *Award of Merit (2019)* • LPAPA UNEXPECTED PLACES, *First Place (2019)* • LAGUNA BEACH VIBE, *Gold Best Artist – Plein Air (2018)* • CAC SMALL ON THE WALL FOR FALL, *Second Place (2018)* • LCAD / CAP NATURESCAPE, *People's Choice Award (2018)* • 17TH ANNUAL PAINT SAN CLEMENTE, *First Honorable Mention (2018)* • LPAPA TOWN & COUNTRY, *Second Place (2018)* • LPAPA ART & NATURE, *Third Place (2017)* • ART MUSE CONTEST, *Master Class Winner (2017)* • LPAPA INVITATIONAL COLLECTORS GALA, *Best of Show – LPAPA Next Generation (2017)* • ART MUSE CONTEST, *Merit (2017)* • LPAPA INVITATIONAL COLLECTORS GALA, *First Place – LPAPA Next Generation (2016)*

TECHNOLOGIES

Adobe Photoshop • Nuke • Blender • Maya • Boujou • PFTtrack

Adobe After Effects • Adobe Illustrator • Adobe InDesign • Vue