

# Derek A. Nelson

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- Objective** To work in the entertainment industry with an employer that will utilize the skills in lighting and compositing that I have obtained up to this point and also continue to learn new skills in the work environment that will further my knowledge in visual effects.
- Professional Experience**
- 2005 – 2007 Miller Davis Studios, Inc. Salisbury, NC  
**Interactive/Video Developer**
- Responsible for all creative development in the Interactive/Video department.
  - Duties included video editing, color correction and compositing, 3D modeling and animation, DVD mastering, location shooting, interactive CD design, audio editing and location recording, event management, and graphic design.
  - Coordinated the 3D architectural layout, design, and graphical product placement of over fifty swimming pool dealer stores across the US.
  - Also worked on overflow graphic design work including layout of template web sites, signs, banners, and CD and DVD labels for interactive media.
- 2003 – 2005 Best Buddies, Int. Orlando, FL  
**Program Assistant**
- Served as Assistant to State Director and other Program Managers of a non-profit organization that provides one-to-one friendships for persons with intellectual disabilities.
- Additional Experience**
- 1999 – 2005 Walt Disney World, Co. Orlando, FL  
**Attraction Host/Trainer**
- Host and Trainer of new Cast Members at the Great Movie Ride, Star Tours, and Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular.
  - Designated to coordinate and produce several training materials used in the training of Cast Members in the area.
  - Organized various cast activities including awards ceremonies and training exercises.
- Proficiencies**
- Highly proficient in Maya, 3ds Max, and Houdini.
  - Compositing package mastery includes Shake and After Effects.
  - Expertise of entire Final Cut Studio and Adobe Creative Suite packages.
  - Experienced in MEL, Python, Renderman, and mental ray programming and shading languages.
  - Complete command of Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X.
- Education**
- 2007 - 2009 Savannah College of Art and Design Savannah, GA
- **M.F.A. degree in Visual Effects** - Academic Achievement Award
- 1999 - 2004 University of Central Florida Orlando, FL
- **B.A. degree in Digital Media** – School of Film and Digital Media
  - **Minor** - US History in the College of Arts and Sciences.