# GABRIEL A. VALBUENA

# CREATIVE DIRECTOR & DIGITAL ARTIST

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# WORK EXPERIENCE

### Visualization Lead / Artist - The Third Floor, 2021 - 2023

#### Thor: Love and Thunder | The Marvels | Spy Kids: Armageddon | Monarch: Legacy Of Monsters | She-Hulk | More

- Oversaw sequence development, communicated notes, and gave presentations on scene direction and software "how-tos."
- Worked as a sequence artist to design and composite the look of effects and scenes.
- Coordinated with filmmakers, show leads, and artists to deliver previz and postviz for major motion pictures.
- Got formal mentoring from TTF co-founder Nick Markel on taking scripts from word to screen through storyboards and previz.
- Worked in TTF's animation division to composite and deliver fully rendered animated shots for finals.
- Effectively approached tight turnarounds for screenings and releases by communicating and addressing creative priorities.

### Visual Effects Compositor - Ingenuity Studios, 2019 - 2020

### Rain on Me, Lady Gaga & Ariana Grande | Extraction | The Walking Dead | Black is King: a Film by Beyonce | More

- Scene lead for visual effect sequences, coordinating with artists to deliver cohesive effects from shot to shot for finals.
- Nuke compositing artist, created matte paintings, CG comps, keying, 2D and 3D tracking, roto, etc.
- Worked with a variety of media and their respective release strategies, including features, music videos, and television.

### Freelance Filmmaker - Various Productions, 2018 - present

- Worked on-set in both ATL & BTL positions, including as Director, Camera team, VFX Supe/Consultant, on-screen talent, more.
- Worked in pre and post production, including Story Art, Storyboarding, Animatics, and VFX.
- Complete understanding and experience in taking projects through pre-production, production, and post-production processes.
- Directed and Co-Directed projects have screened and earned 20+ honors including: CENFLO Paul Ledar Directing Award
  - Fort Lauderdale International Film Fest Best Documentary San Diego Comic Con Best Fantasy Film Palm Beach SSOF -1st Place Narrative Film • ARFF Barcelona - Best Short Film • Florida Film Festival - Best of Show selection, and more.

# EDUCATION

#### Florida State University -College of Motion Picture Arts

- Bachelor of Fine Arts, magna cum laude
- Specialization in Directing and VFX Cinematography 2015-2018

#### **Gnomon Entertainment Arts**

• Trained in Visual Arts and Visual Effects fields 2020 - 2021

### LANGUAGES

#### English • Castilian Spanish

- Dual citizen of United States and Spain
- Experienced in multilingual film productions.

# SKILLS

- Project Organization / Workflow
  - Frame.io, Shotgrid, and RV
  - Deadline Renderfarm
  - Figma
- Slack, RocketChat, and Google Chat
- Photography / Videography
  RED, ARRI, Canon & Sony DSLR, and Black Magic cameras
  - DJI Ronin gimbals
- Story & Digital Art Development
  - Adobe Photoshop
  - Final Draft
- Avid Media Composer
- 2D/3D Compositing, Anim, and mo-cap
  The Foundry Nuke and Adobe AE
  - Ine Foundry Nuke and Ac
    Mocha Pro and PF Track
  - Autodesk Maya
  - ToonBoom Harmony
  - Perception Neuron System

# REFERENCES

Gerardo Ramirez - TTF Show Lead gerardo@thethirdfloorinc.com

**Zhe Chong - Ingenuity VFX Supervisor** zhe@ingenuitystudios.com (415) 609-8970

#### Victor Nunez - Academy Member & Mentor

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