# ALEXANDER **REYNA**

#### Summary

Experienced educator and practitioner with over a decade teaching on the undergraduate and graduate level. Mentored and developed dozens of BFA and MFA theses, several independent studies, and more. Over 25 year of broadcast, gaming and interactive media. Multiple shipped AAA games, mobile products and VR titles for Oculus, Vive, and Daydream. Solo and group exhibitions at galleries and Universities around the world.

#### Skills

Designing Directing

Art Direction | Branding | Graphic Design | Motion + Interaction Design | UX | UI | VRUX Building Consensus | Creating | Innovating | Leading | Problem Solving | Strategizing Platforms Android | Daydream | Gear | iOS | Oculus | PS4 | Switch | Vive | Web | Xbox One Technical Adobe Creative Suite | inVision | Maya | Sketch | Substance Designer + Painter | Unity | Unreal Code AFRAME | HTML | CSS | C#

#### Education

## **Pratt Institute, New York**

2000

MFA Painting

#### University of New Hampshire, Durham New Hampshire

**BFA** Painting

1996

Minor Architecture, Art History, Philosophy

#### **Teaching**

## **Industry Partner + Mentor UX and Emerging Experience Design New York University**

2021-

Identified and presented real world design prompts at the intersection of the metaverse, interaction design and sports. Mentored multiple cohorts of students with a focus on concept development, real world application, and career growth.

## **Adjunct Instructor Computer Arts Department (BFA, MFA)** School of Visual Arts, New York, New York

2000 - 2013

Taught a variety of courses from pre-college to MFA to help students become artists, designers, game makers and creative problem solvers. Our courses at SVA allow students to develop a unique visual style with the technical means to implement high fidelity creative work.

#### **Coursework Including**

- · Game Design
- Game Art Production
- 2d Dynamic Media / Motion Design
- 3d Production/ Animation
- Digital Fine Arts Studio
- · Thesis Production

#### **Assistant Professor**

## Computer Arts and Technology (BFA) Mercy College, White Plains, New York

2004 - 2006

Developed technical and theoretical approaches to produce high quality animation and digital effects for games and broadcast. Topics include modeling and shading for 3d, game production, digital lighting, and cinematic development.

#### **Coursework Including**

- Game Art Production
- Digital Animation
- Digital Production Studio

#### Instructor

## Center for Advanced Digital Application (MA) New York University, New York, New York

2002 - 2004

Class topics include production theory, pipeline and workflow, compositing and rendering theory.

#### **Coursework Including**

- Introduction to Modeling
- Intensive Computer Animation & Visual Effects.

## **Guest Lectures**

Guest Lecturer, The Multiverse, ALFA Salons, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA	2022
Guest Lecturer, Social VR, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY Guest Lecturer, Ideation & Prototyping, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY Guest Lecture, Spring + Fall Demo Day, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY	2021
Guest Lecturer, Virtual Reality, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY Guest Lecturer, Ideation & Prototyping, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY	2020
Guest Lecturer, Mercy College, Computer Art, New York, NY Guest Lecturer, NYU Tandon, IDM, New York, NY Guest Lecturer, School of Visual Arts, Computer Art, New York, NY	2019
Guest Lecturer, NYC Media Lab, New York, NY	2016
Guest Lecturer, Millersville University, Millersville, PA	2014
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Guest Lecturer, Bloomfield College, Art and Technology, New York NY Guest Lecturer, Mercy College, Computer Art, New York NY Guest Lecturer, Touro College, New York NY	2008
Guest Lecturer, Parsons School of Design, New York NY Guest Lecturer, Pratt Institute, New York NY	2007
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## Professional Experience

## Major League Baseball, Games and VR

Vice President, Design and Innovation - December 2021 to present

2013 - Current

**Director of Experience Design -** August 2016 to Dec 2021 **Creative Director -** May 2013 to August 2016

#### Responsibilities

- Define, recruit, and lead internal and external group focusing on Game Development, Product Design, UX/UI, Art Direction, Motion Design and more.
- League wide lead for emerging technology R+D and novel user experiences.
- Conceive and direct tentpole marketing including commercials and photo shoots with MLB athletes. Onset experience directing visuals and vfx.

#### **Highlights**

- Led development of R.B.I. Baseball reboot on multiple SKU from 2013 2021.
- Conceived, and directed MLB AR Baseball's first augmented reality experience on iOS and Android.
- Prototyped and built business case for the MLB VR department. Built the team from 3 to 30+ with a focus on gaming and other emerging experiences.
- Conceived and directed At Bat VR MLB's signature product for Google Daydream VR and Quest 2.
- Launched 3d data visualization for MLB Network "Enhanced Game of the Day".

Shipped products include Franchise MVP, Home Run Derby Mobile 2013-2021, Home Run Derby VR, MLB Line Drive, R.B.I. Baseball 2014 – 2021, and more.

## Creative Director, Powerhead Games

Strategy and product development for iOS and web.

Shipped product includes Cuddle Pets on iOS.

#### **Creative Director, 4mm Games**

Led internal team to develop all game, marketing and web products. Owned the visual identity and game design for original IP. Developed a culture focused around design iteration and collaboration.

Shipped product includes Def Jam Rapstar on XBOX/PS4 and Wii and Dog Show Friends on Facebook.

#### Chief Creative Officer, www.thecomplexx.com

A casual MMO product. Defined launch platform, managed internal and external creative teams, and owned creative output.

#### **Creative Director and Partner, Pixelplume**

Specializing in motion graphics and animation, our clients varied from fortune 500 to high profile architectural firms including Armani, Atmosphere Pictures, Chanel, FuseTv, Getty Images, Nike, Lacoste, Microsoft, Radical Media and more.

## Art Director, Street Trace NYC-XBOX, Gaia Industries, New York

Art Direction for an Xbox Arcade launch title. Shipped product includes Street Trace NYC and Wing Commander Armada.

2012 - 2013

2008 - 2011

2007 – 2008

2005 - 2008

2007

	Art Director, Stuart Little II – PC, Hyperspace Cowgirls, New York Art Director on all cinematic shots including animation and team management. Lead Art for environments.	2003
	Technical Director, Nickelodeon, New York Various work for the Nickelodeon Digital Labs. We produced a wide variety of projects including the intro sequence for Invader Zim, a Jimmy Neutron motion ride at Universal Studios, and several animated show IDs. My work was split between concept development, technical direction, lighting, render and final composite.	2001 - 2002
	Concept Artist, CBS Sportsline, Nickelodeon, New York Produced conceptual design, color studies and shaders for three unique :30 spots airing during the Super Bowl. In addition, built pre-production 3d models to aid in texture and lighting setup.	2001
	Concept Artist, Midnight Club, Rockstar Games, New York Created 2d and 3d renderings for Rockstar Games PlayStation 2 titles including Midnight Club and Smuggler's Run.	
	Art Director, Gameloft, New York Managed all creative aspects of www.gameloft.com . Worked to integrate various departments (design, programming, development) to complete and launch new sites. In addition, conceived, designed and implement on-air interstitials and network ID for a gaming television show.	2000
	3d Artist, Batman Vengeance-PS2, Ubisoft, New York Worked with the Art Director to produce environmental concepts, 3d models and 2d textures. Concepts, initial models and integrated 3d elements were used to create multiuse 'kits' inside UBI's proprietary engine.	1999
Awards and Honors	Fast Company Innovation by Design Honorable Mention  AtBat VR	2018
	Outstanding Digital Innovation Sports Emmy Nomination Chasing History: Making Reality Real Time 360 VR Videos series developed for World Series 2016	2016
	Clio Sports Silver – Digital/Mobile Game MLB Line Drive	2016
	Clio Sports Bronze – Digital/Mobile Game MLB Home Run Derby 2016	
	Appy Awards - Mobile Game of the Year Action/Arcade/Sports MLB Home Run Derby 2015	2015

Solo Exhibitions	<b>LoveHateNow</b> A Window Installation at Mixed Greens Gallery New York, NY	2010
	Some Assembly Required Pablo's Birthday Gallery New York, NY	2009
	False Flag Brot Und Spiele Galerie Berlin, Germany	
	The Dark Hour Pablo's Birthday Gallery New York, NY	2007
	Alexander Reyna Miller Weitzel Gallery Cleveland, OH	2006
	ICONS (Project Room) Pablo's Birthday Gallery New York, NY	2004
Selected Group Exhibitions	"The Medium and the Message" curated by Jimi Billingsley Kleiner/James Center for the Arts, Woodstock, NY	2011
	"autosemblematic" curated by Jennifer Junkermeier Local Project, Long Island City, NY	2010
	"Digital Art LA" curated by Rex Bruce Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, LA	
	"Painting with Pictures" curated by David Gibson and Savannah Spirit Casita Maria Center, Bronx, NY	
	"Assets, Elements and Objects of Desire-Now in 3D" curated by John McIntosh School of Visual Arts Westside Gallery, New York, NY	2009
	"Contemporary Flanerie: Reconfiguring Cities" curated by Vagner Whitehead Oakland University, Rochester, MI	
	<b>"BAC! 08 REVEIL-TOI"</b> La Santa Gallery Barcelona Art Center, Barcelona, Spain	2008
	"Coloring Book" curated by Louky Keijsers LMAKprojects, Brooklyn, NY	

#### "Continuous Current"

curated by Diane Field MFA Computer Art Department, School of Visual Arts, NY

## "Darklight Animation 1"

Darklight Film Festival Dublin, Ireland

## "Digital Graffiti at Alys Beach"

curated by Alan Hunter Alys Beach, FL

#### "Digitalia: Intimacy in the Hyperreal"

curated by Evan J. Garza Deborah Colton Gallery, Houston, TX

#### "Indian Summer"

curated by Jimi Billingsley Pablo's Birthday Gallery, New York, NY

#### "Near Sighted, Far Out: Video Art Festival #003

curated by Nicole Caruth Harvestworks Digital Media Center, New York, NY

#### "On the Move"-Video Screening, curated by Jennifer Wilkey

The Everson Museum of Art Syracuse, NY

#### "OpenCall"

Emerging Video Art Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN

#### "Over the Rainbow"

curated by Sisun Song NEXT I(s) Art Project, Seoul Korea

#### "Red Hook Internation Film and Video Festival"

curated by Daniel Durning Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York

#### "Particulate"

curated by Chris Coleman Lumpwest, Eugene, Oregon

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curated by Chris Coleman Vox Populi, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### "Perpetual Art Machine 2006-2007: YEAR ONE"

Coachella Music and Arts Festival Palms Springs, California

#### "Video Art in the Age of the Internet"

Co-curated by Nina Colosi and PAM Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY 2007

#### "Viewer's Choice Award"

Featured Artists-Cinema Scope curated by Perpetual Art Machine Scope New York, New York, NY

## Adding Insult to Injury"

2006

Kipp Gallery Indiana University of Pennsylvania Indiana, PA

#### "Adding Insult to Injury"

Central Missouri State University Warrensburg, MO

#### **Creative Thrift Shop**

Nova Art Fair City Suites Hotel, Chicago, II

#### "Fabula"

Mushroom Arts New York, NY

#### "Monkeytown Semiennial"

Monkey Town Williamsburg, Brooklyn

#### **Pablo's Birthday-Featured Artist**

DIVA ART NEW YORK Embassy Suites, New York, NY

## "The Pursuit of Happiness"

curated by Christopher Howard Sarah Bowen Gallery Williamsburg, Brooklyn

#### "The Social Body"

curated by David Gibson Rocket Projects Miami, Fl

#### The 1st Annual FEVA Pantheon Gala

2005

New York, NY

#### "Beautiful Dreamer"

curated by David Gibson Spaces, Cleveland, Ohio

#### "Cinema Scope"

curated by Lee Wells SCOPE ART 2005, Southampton, NY

#### "Culture Vulture"

curated by David Gibson Jack the Pelican, Williamsburg, NY

#### "Multiple Partners"

curated by Carla Gannis Pablos Birthday, New York, NY

## Pablo's Birthday

Scope Art 2005 Flatotel, New York, NY

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Scope Art 2005 TownHouse, Miami, Fl

#### **Photo New York**

Creative Thrift Shop New York NY

## "Style Sessions"

curated by William Quigley Milk Gallery, New York, NY

## "Xsemination"

curated by John Derrick University of Tasmania, Launceston, Tasmania