



MOHAMED ECHKOUNA

FX Technical Director

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Effects, Minor in Technical Direction, 2016

- Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta Campus, Georgia

Entrepreneurship and Leadership Studies, 2011

- African Leadership Academy, Johannesburg, South Africa

APPLICATIONS/PROGRAMMING

PROFICIENT

- Houdni
- VEX Scripting
- NukeX
- Photoshop
- Maya

FAMILIAR

- Davinci Resolve
- Hscript
- Python
- RenderMan
- Bash Scripting Language
- MEL
- RSL
- XSI

SKILLS

- Effects Animation
- Scripting
- Procedural Modeling and Shading
- Cinematography
- Writing and Directing
- Compositing

EXPERIENCE

Framestore - New York, New York FX Technical Director

Dec 2016 - Present

- Research, development and execution of character and non-character based effects animation for Netflix & HBO shows, a variety of commercials, and virtual reality projects.

NETFLIX - Mauritania & New York Director

Mar 2022 – Mar 2023

- Co-wrote, produced and directed *Enmity Djinn* - one of the 6 films in the African Folktales Reimagined anthology streaming on Netflix 03/29/2023

Trail of Hope Film - Nouakchott, MR & Atlanta, GA Writer and Director

Dec 2015 - Jun 2016

- Developed the story into a screenplay, carried out the technical research, production and logistics and directed the film.
- Toured over a dozen festivals worldwide including Cannes, and won multiple awards.

Triggerfish Animation Studios - Cape Town, South Africa Visual Effects Intern

Jun 2015 - Aug 2015

- Completed 50 VFX shots of snow, river, ocean and their different behaviors and interactions with moving characters and objects on the film *Stick Man*.

NASA and SCAD Collaborative Project - Atlanta, Georgia Visual Effects Participant

Mar 2014 - May 2014

- Concept development, drawing and digital montages for a NASA project.
- Created a full Animatic for an approved concept.

HONORS, AWARDS and MEMBERSHIPS

- NETFLIX - UNESCO Folktales Film Competition winner 2022
- RedDot Design Award winner 2017
- BAFTA Student Awards Shortlist 2016
- Carthage Film Festival Jury Prize winner 2016
- Nouakchott Film Festival Grand Prix winner 2016
- MasterCard Foundation Scholar 2012 - 2016

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Fluent in reading, writing and speaking English.
- Intermediate in reading, writing and speaking Arabic and French.