

MICHAEL CAFARELLI

VFX SUPERVISOR • 3D ANIMATION • MOTION GRAPHICS

I am an Emmy Award-winning animator specializing in Motion Graphics, 3D Animation, and VFX Compositing. With 15 years of professional experience, I have worked with clients from various sectors, including film, television, sports, news, advertising, and live experiences. I excel at solving complex problems that require both creative vision and technical expertise.

Currently, I am working as a Freelance Animator, focusing on 3D Animation and Motion Graphics. I am open to both freelance and full-time opportunities. My animation reel can be found at the following link: <http://vimeo.com/mcafarelli/demoreel>



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EMPLOYMENT

Dec 2021 - May 2026

SCHOLAR

CG Lead / Senior Animator & Compositor

Clients included Apple, Volkswagen, MLB, Castrol, Porsche, Kia, Olipop, Okta, USSF, and more.

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

LOCAL PROJECTS

Senior Motion Designer and Lead Animator

Oversaw all post-produced animation, principally animated a majority of the video-based exhibits, and helped develop an immersive and interactive experience for the FLDC.

Jun 2019 - Nov 2019

NBC NEWS / STAY TUNED

Senior Animator

In addition to lead animation duties, helped build a custom template system, allowing producers to directly create polls, info cards, timeline events, headshots, and lower thirds, freeing animators and artists for more custom work.

Apr 2018 - May 2019

IMAGINARY FORCES

Senior Animator

Clients included HBO, Microsoft, Bubly, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Clash Royale.

Feb 2017 - Nov 2017

R/GA

Senior Animator

Clients included Samsung, Verizon, Mercedes, Marvel, Converse, Johnson & Johnson, Walmart, and PWC.

Sep 2013 - Dec 2016

CBS SPORTS

Senior Graphic Artist

Super Bowl 50, The NFL Today, Thursday Night Football, The SEC on CBS, The Masters, The PGA Championship, and The NCAA March Madness Tournament.

EDUCATION

Sep 2005 - Dec 2008

NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BFA, Computer Graphics

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Sports Emmy 2016

OUTSTANDING TEAM TECHNICAL REMOTE (WON)

Sports Emmy 2016

OUTSTANDING LIVE GRAPHIC DESIGN (NOMINATED)

Sports Emmy 2014

OUTSTANDING POST-PRODUCED GRAPHIC DESIGN (NOMINATED)

SKILLS

Motion Graphics 3D Animation VFX & Compositing
Graphic Design Custom Expressions & Scripting
Color Grading Video Encoding Tracking
After Effects Templates Web Design & Development

PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

After Effects

Cinema4D

Mocha

FFmpeg

DaVinci Resolve

Nuke

