# Matt Jacques - CV - Senior Compositor.

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# **Current employment:**

Company: ILM - Industrial Light & Magic (UK) Ltd, Address: 84, Theobalds Rd, London, WC1X8NL.

From 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 to 6<sup>th</sup> July

Work Completed: Marvel's Fantastic Four (including two trailer shots).

Job title: Senior VFX Compositor

Integrating CG assets, matte paintings, and live-action footage. Matching of lighting conditions of the principal photography, shadow, colour grading, perspective, and depth. Ensuring each shot maintains continuity within its sequence.

# **Previous employment:**

Company: Framestore

Address: 28 Chancery Ln, City of London, London WC2A 1LB

From 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 to 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

Work completed: F1: The movie

**Previous Employment:** From February 2024 to December 2024. I decided to scale back my working commitments due to the sudden passing of my father. Being sole executor of his estate, I needed to focus on myself and my commitments to fulfil the executor tasks required. During this period, I guest lectured at Middlesex University from February to March 2024 (three days a week) and UAL LCC, March to June 2024 (two and a half days a week) as an hourly paid lecturer.

**Previous Employment:** Senior Lecturer/Academic in VFX Compositing at Bournemouth University. From July 2023 to January 2024.

### Responsibilities:

- Senior Compositing Lecturer on Two MA courses collaborating with other senior academics (L7).
- MA digital Effects. MA 3D
- BA VFX L6 (unit leader). BA VFX L5 (unit leader).
- Supervisor to eight L6 students for final major projects. Academic Advisor to twenty L5 students.

**Software used:** NukeX, Maya, Blender, Houdini, PFTrack, Adobe Creative Suite, OBI virtual production, Z central remote access, Pixar Tractor render farm, SyncSketch 3D tracking, Vicon motion capture and syncsketch review/feedback software.

Previous Post: Senior Lecturer in VFX at Chichester University - From August 2018 to June 2023.

#### Responsibilities:

- Module coordinator and lecturer of eight modules: Advanced VFX skills development (unit leader, L6).
- Professional studio practice (L6) Advisor to students for final major projects 3D animation & VFX (L6).
- Cinematography for animation & VFX (unit leader, L5). Academic Advisor to students (L5).
- VFX skills development (unit leader, L5). Fundamentals of lighting & VFX compositing (unit leader, L4).
- Historical context and current trends (unit leader, L4). Introduction to animation & visual effects (unit leader, L4).
- Introduced Pixar's tractor render farm to the Institution.• Introduced HP's Teradici remote access software to the Institution.

# Research and scholarly output:

Since 2022 I have been experimenting with the possibilities of machine learning and AI in VFX compositing.

#### Experience of research supervision:

I was part of a team at DNEG that was commissioned by Creative Skillset to create several modules for VFX Education at FE and HE level.

#### MA and BA Course Creation:

I was commissioned by University for the Creative Arts in March 2022 to design, write and deliver to validation their BA and MA VFX courses. The BA (Hons) run from September 2023 and the MA runs from September 2024.

## **Guest Lecturer:**

Guest Lecture/Master classes at Middlesex University (L4, L5 & L6), University of West London (L4, L5 & L6) and an HPL at University of Arts London (L5 & L6).

## Public engagement:

Onsite visits to perform college presentations: Brighton Metropolitan College (MET), Haywards Heath College, Havant and South Downs College and Brighton Aldridge Community Academy College (BACA), Worthing College, Vardene College and Bede's Senior School. For these visits I present career options in the sector of Visual effects to over four hundred college students. I also attend University Open days.

### **Previous employment:**

Company: DNEG

Address: 160 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QA From 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2018

Job title: 2D Lead/Senior VFX Compositor

During my twelve years at DNEG, I have worked on thirty-seven feature films and eight high-end television shows. I started as a compositor rising to the position of Lead 2D. Integrating CG assets, matte paintings, and live-action footage. Matching of lighting conditions of the principal photography, shadow, colour grading, perspective, and depth. Ensuring each shot maintains continuity within its sequence. I was part of the team that won two Oscar's, two BAFTA's and two VES's for Christopher Nolan's 'Inception' and 'Interstellar'.

## Previous employment:

Company: Men-from-Mars VFX

Address: Ealing Studios, Ealing Green, London, W5 5EP

From September 2005 to September 2006 **Job title:** Di and VFX Prep and Junior Compositor

During my time at MFM, my duties covered a wide range of tasks. MFM was a small VFX boutique studio, skill sets had to be wide and varied. My daily tasks were roto, prep and composition for VFX clients. Final renders were for feature film, tv and advertising. DI tasks included scanning, recording, dust-busting and film outputs.

Also, preparation for baselight operations.

### **Previous employment:**

Company: Framestore VFX

Address: St Margaret's House, 19-23 Wells St, London W1T 3PQ

From December 2004 to August 2005

Job title: Technical Assistant and VFX prep Artist.

My day-to-day tasks at Framestore included transfers from video to film; colour-space and grading; data archiving and retrieval; quality control; roto masks and paint preparation for composition.

#### **Previous employment:**

Company: Electronic Solutions / AMV BBDO (Omnicom Group)
Address: Minerva House 1-4 North Crecent, London, WC1E 7ER

From September 1996 to February 2004 **Job title:** Studio Supervisor / Retoucher

My primary role was a creative retoucher. Overseeing the day to day running of the studio and responsible for the reproduction of imagery created and delivered to various clients, advertising agencies and publishing houses UK wide and globally.

# **Institutions Attended and Qualifications:**

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) AdvanceHE - PGCE Escape Studios/Pearson college London – Digital Comprehensive 2D & 3D VFX and Animation London College of Printing - City and Guilds Graphic Reproduction 518

## **Professional Industry Organisation membership:**

The Visual Effects Society (VES).

