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# Casey Robin Neal

Illustrator with expertise in visual development and storyboarding for film and animation. Classically trained in fine art.

#### **Education**

- The Art Institute of California—Sacramento Animation major, Bachelor of Science 2009 – 2011
- The Art Institute of California—San Diego Animation major 2004 2005
- **Studio Art Centers International, Florence, Italy** classes in illustration, drawing, art history, and painting 2004
- Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA Art Major with classes in design, art, illustration, and art history 2002 – 2004
- Performing and Fine Arts Academy, Natomas Charter School,
  Sacramento CA 1998 2002

### **Technical Skills**

Adobe Photoshop Advanced Adobe AfterEffects Compositing Motion Graphics Intermediate Corel Painter Intermediate

#### **Awards**

Next Talent Awards: Best Visual Development for excellence in character and concept design, 2011

The Criterion Award: AICASAC Student Film Showcase for achievement in animated filmmaking, 2009

Elly Award: Best Supporting Actress (Education) For my role as Mrs. Hardcastle in She Stoops to Conquer, 2002

Governor's Medal: California Arts Scholar, for excellence in visual art, 2001, 2002

## **Experience**

- Disney Summer Associate, 2010: Story artist. Conceived, storyboarded, and co-directed original 2D/3D short, "Chalk." Studied storyboarding with Michael LaBash and character design with Bill Schwab
- Illustrator: Pac-12 Convention: Created illustration for Pac-12 website. Revised according to art director's feedback
- **Freelance Storyboard Artist:** Storyboarded several independent productions, transposing the director's vision from word to image
- **Artist: KlickNation:** Coordinated with art and tech. staff to create a cohesive look for fantasy RPG. Created original art for the game
- **Illustrator: Zondervan:** Created art for The Young Women of Faith Journal. Delivered approved work to art director ahead of schedule.

# **Special Training**

- Walt Disney Animation Studios Summer Associates Program, 2010 (Story and Visual Development)
- **The Illustration Academy** at Ringling College of Art and Design, studied composition, color theory, and visual storytelling under Gary Kelley, C.F. Payne, Sterling Hundley, and other illustrators; 2008
- California Institute of the Arts, CSSSA training in hand-drawn animation; 2002
- Mentored by **Sue DiCiccio**, gallery artist and former Walt Disney Animation Studios animator; 2002 2004
- Comedic and Dramatic Improvisation and Theatre, 4 years' training 1998 2002

