

# Sagar Khan

## Senior Lighting Artist / Technical Director

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated and upbeat Lighting Artist / TD with over 8 years of experience in lighting for films, shorts and commercials. Highly skilled in Lighting, Rendering and Compositing, with a focus on optimizing renders and troubleshooting technical issues. Demonstrated ability to meet tight deadlines while working collaboratively as well as independently. A critical thinker with a self-driven and highly organized work ethic. Strong team player with a passion for bringing stories to life and creating compelling visuals. Seeking an opportunity to work with incredibly talented teams and deliver exceptional results.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### DNEG • Senior Houdini Lighting TD (Freelance)

Feb 2025 - Jun 2025

##### VFX Projects- Ramayana (2026)

- Creating or implementing light rigs based on concept art or on-set references
- Lighting and rendering assets that involve CG hair and scattering materials
- Managing volumetric light setups, including the development of shadows and light modifiers
- Customising shaders to meet specific shot requirements by modifying their attributes
- Pre-composite shots in Nuke
- Managing multiple assets, lighting setups efficiently and troubleshoot rendering issues

#### Giant Animation • Senior Lighting TD (Freelance)

Aug 2023- Feb 2025

##### Animation Series Projects- Fairly OddParents- A New Wish (Nickelodeon), Evergreen Hills

- Responsible for technical lighting fixes for animated shows the Fairly OddParents 3D reboot and Evergreen Hills
- Optimising render time, checking texture and shading issues, publishing anim caches, publishing sets
- Building master lighting shots for each episode to check for light setup, bugs and solve it
- Tech fixing issues for lighting team related to anim, character, asset, prop mismatch
- Fixing technical glitches for retake shots and rendering

#### DNEG • India- Lighting TD

Apr 2022 - Jul 2024

##### VFX Projects- Star Wars: Skeleton Crew, Meg 2, Masters Of The Air, Witcher: Blood Origin, Kalki 2898, Munjya

##### Animation Feature Film Projects- The Garfield Movie (2024), That Christmas (2024)

- Creating or implementing light rigs based on concept art or on-set references
- Lighting and rendering assets that involve CG hair and scattering materials
- Continuously explore and implement new approaches to improve the quality and efficiency of the rendering process

#### HMX Media • India- Senior Lighting Artist

Nov 2019 - Apr 2022

Joined HMX Media as a mid-lighting artist and was promoted to senior lighting artist in December 2021

- Managed a team of 3-4 people as a Senior Lighting Artist - Partnered with creative directors to produce styleframes and designs for project pitches
- Worked on 70+ commercials for brands like Sony, Lenovo, Panasonic, TCL, Tufel, and more
- Utilised Autodesk Maya, Octane Render, After Effects, and Deadline for project work

#### USP Studios • Mumbai, India- Lighting Artist

Sep 2018 - Sep 2019

- Worked as a lighting and compositing artist for a YouTube Kids TV channel
- Successfully completed lighting and compositing for 2 to 3 episodes weekly, meeting strict deadlines

#### Cubix Animation • Mumbai, India- 3D Generalist

May 2017 - Aug 2017

- Engaged in 3D Modeling, Look-dev, Lighting, and Rendering tasks - Created 3D assets based on provided artwork
- Set up and rendered passes for compositing, performed slap comps in Nuke to ensure lighting matched artwork, and edited layers to generate correct passes for all elements

### EDUCATION

Masters in Digital Direction 2013 - 2018 Rubika, Supinfocom

### SKILLS AND SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE

**Lighting Engines:** Houdini, Maya, Katana, Clarisse, Unreal

**Renderers:** Renderman, Vray, Redshift, Arnold, Lumen, Solaris, Mantra

**Compositing:** Nuke, After Effects, Photoshop

**Real-Time Engines:** Unreal, Octane, Redshift RT

**Other:** Experience with PBR rendering

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