

James Kim

**Visual Development Artist
Background Painter
Illustrator**

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→ EDUCATION

ArtCenter College of Design | Pasadena, CA

BFA Illustration Entertainment Arts

Minor in Business

2018 September – 2023 April

Color & Story, Digital Landscape & Background Painting, Visual Development, Matte Painting

→ EXPERIENCE

2022 October – 2023 November

Convention Exhibitionist | San Diego, LA, Pasadena, Singapore

- Represented artists at prominent events including TwitchCon, LightBox, Anime Expo, and Anime Festival Asia, enhancing exposure and generating sales opportunities.
- Implemented promotional strategies to spotlight artist works, driving foot traffic and sales.
- Managed inventory and print logistics, ensuring seamless operations throughout events and optimizing stock levels for maximum sales potential.
- Fostered valuable connections within the artist community, cultivating networks and collaborations to expand opportunities for future ventures.

2021 September – 2021 December

ChangeLab | Background Painter | Los Angeles, CA

- Collaborated with Art Director to develop color keys, setting the visual tone and narrative.
- Ideated and visualized development of three overworld maps, leading to successful implementation of the production process.
- Executed layout design for a range of indoor and outdoor scenes, demonstrating proficiency in background painting and contributing to immersive world-building.

2019 June – 2021 December

Freelance Artist | Los Angeles, CA

- Specialized in digital portrait commissions, delivering high-quality artworks tailored to client specifications.
- Commissioned for environment sketching and layout ideation, producing over 50 iterations with rapid turnaround times.
- Explored diverse perspectives and lighting scenarios in layout outputs, enriching visual narratives and enhancing client projects.

2020 January – 2023 April

ArtCenter | Teaching Assistant | Pasadena, CA

- Monitored student progress and performance in order to maintain high productivity.
- Provided critique for student work to clarify marketing strategies, resulting in higher quality deliverables and visuals.

→ RECOGNITION

Gallery Gaya Silver Award 2017

ArtCenter Scholarship 2018 – 2023

Haselhorst Memorial Endowed Scholarship 2023

Howard and Iris Behymer Endowed Scholarship 2023

→ SKILLS

Proficient in

Adobe Suite

- Photoshop

- Illustrator

Procreate and HeavyPaint

SketchUp

Oil, Watercolor, and Gouache Paint

InDesign

Lightroom

Blender