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SPEAKER PROFILE Creative technology leader, artist, and international presenter with over 25 years at Pixar Animation Studios. His talks connect artistic practice with emerging technology, helping artists, educators, and creative teams understand complex tools and explore new possibilities in visual storytelling.

PIXAR ANIMATION STUDIOS **Head of RenderMan Creative Engagement**
December 2025 - Present
Leads the creative strategy and global presence of Pixar's RenderMan. Directs artwork, demonstrations, presentations, education, and partnerships that connect artists and technology across feature animation and visual effects.

SPEAKING TOPICS

01 Creativity & Technology
How new rendering tools change creative decisions ... and what increasing compute, interactivity, and artistic control make possible.

02 Stylized Worlds
Traditional art principles and practical rendering techniques for illustrative, painterly, graphic, and toon imagery.

03 Making Art in Virtual Reality
How VR changed the way I draw, sculpt, design, and move ideas between digital experiments, physical objects, and production.

04 An Accidental Career
A candid account of following useful interests through comics, visual effects, animation, design, education, and product making.

SPEAKING & LEADERSHIP **Keynotes, Presentations, and Workshops**
Has spoken in over 50 cities worldwide, including appearances at SIGGRAPH, SXSW, FMX, Annecy Animation Festival, THU, and VIEW Conference.

VIEW Conference & International Juries
VIEW Conference board member, contributing to program curation and speaker selection. Jury President for the VIEW Award Contest, ESMA Student Films, and MoPA Professional Jury in 2025.

Member, Visual Effects Society (VES)

ARTISTIC PRACTICE Illustrator, painter, sculptor, and experimental digital artist. Exhibitions include galleries in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, and Hong Kong.

SELECTED FILM CREDITS Monsters, Inc. / Finding Nemo / The Incredibles / WALL-E / Up / Inside Out / Coco / Soul / Inside Out 2 / Toy Story 5