Carys Gooi

3D Environment Artist

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Work Experience

3D Generalist Contractor at Test Jar Labs (Ghostie: Battle for the Bones)

September 2022 - Present

- Making stylized environment and prop asset meshes and textures emphasizing readability, lines and shadows
- Implementing and authoring unlit shaders in Unity Shader Graph, including toon and water shaders
- Coordinating with team members to facilitate and document art pipelines from concept, 3D to in engine

3D Art Summer Associate at Sony Immersive Music Studios

June - August 2022

- Created 8 props, a 7-piece modular building kit and 1 character outfit utilizing unique and trim textures
- Iterated on level blockouts with 6-person team of designers and engineers to layout art that supported the level design
- Lit and set-dressed across 5 unique maps in UE4 to create a cohesive lighting and map aesthetic

3D Environment Art Intern at Airstrafe Interactive (Saleblazers)

June - August 2021

- Created a point-of-interest fishing hut from original concept and its 20+ worldbuilding props across 7 texture sets
- Sculpted high poly organic rocks, interactable pieces and tileable texture maps in ZBrush
- Optimized performance with texture atlasing, mesh combining and baked lighting within Unity
- Made 10+ modular walls, roofs and wall trims for in-game building customization using Maya and Substance Painter

Projects

Rabbit Statue Environment (Solo Project)

March - April 2023

- Sculpted hero piece of rabbit stone statue in ZBrush and retopologized as a game-ready asset
- Hand-painted 6 tileable textures and blended them with vertex paint in Unreal
- Created a kit of modular foliage and repeatable props and set-dressed them to create a cohesive scene

Mangrove Forest Environment (Solo Project)

January 2023

- Sculpted a repeatable kit of foliage, wood planks and a stone sculpture in ZBrush
- Baked high res sculpts onto low res game-ready models and textured with PBR workflow using Substance Painter
- Set-dressed the scene in Unity and brought the environment from concept to finish in the span of a week

Water Gazebo (Solo Project)

August 2022

- Modeled, UV-unwrapped and textured a gazebo centerpiece, 8 modular props and foliage across 7 texture sets
- Sculpted foliage alphas, 2 tileable brick and roof shingle textures and a trim sheet for the gazebo in ZBrush
- Set-dressed the scene in Unreal Engine around the gazebo centerpiece with 8 modular props

Art Lead and 3D Artist on Charon

June 2021 - May 2022

- Led an 8-person art team to produce concepts, stylized PBR models and textures for 2 large environments
- Modeled, sculpted and textured 2 hero characters and narrative-driving environmental pieces

3D Artist on Dreamland Confectionery

January 2021 - February 2022

- Translated concept art into high poly sculpts and low poly models, with hand painted PBR and unlit textures
- Collaborated with a multi-disciplinary 20+ person team to develop for the Nintendo Switch console

Education and Certificates

University of Southern California

BA Interactive Media and Game Design, BFA Game Art and Animation

CGPA 3.75, Graduated May 2022

CG Master Academy

Creating Stylized Game Assets, Credential ID 32706

January 2023 - April 2023

Skills

Art Software: Maya, ZBrush, Substance Painter, Substance Designer, Photoshop

Game Development: Unity, Unreal Engine, Shader Graph, Jira, Trello, Perforce, Github

Technical Skills: Box Modeling, Sculpting, UV Unwrapping, Retopologizing, Texturing (PBR + hand painted), Optimization