



**Hisae 'Jo' Watanabe**

**Concept Artist/Digital Painter**

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### **Job Target:**

- **Texture and Shading Artist**

### **Skills:**

- **Texturing and shading for real-time and pre-rendered CG using Photoshop and Mari**
- **Quick production of character, prop, and environment concept sketches and model sheets**
- **Detailed illustrated renderings in wide range of media (pencil, pen, marker, paint, digital)**
- **Digital painting for concept illustration, 3D texturing, and production backgrounds**
- **Traditional character maquette fabrication**

### **Work History:**

- **2007 January-Present:** Texture Artist, Ready At Dawn  
(The Order: 1886, God of War: Ghost of Sparta, and God of War: Chains of Olympus)  
Texturing and shading for characters and props. As well as hair shading and groom.
- **2005 March-2006 August:** Background Painter, Warner Bros. Animation (Loonatics Unleashed)  
Background painting and color keys
- **2004 March-2005 January:** Concept Artist, Method Games (Sony PSP Title)  
Character design, environment layouts/color keys, and texturing
- **2003 October-December:** Contract Production Illustrator, PDI/DreamWorks (Madagascar)  
Prop design and texture painting
- **2003 February-April:** Contract Production Illustrator, PDI/DreamWorks (Shrek 2)  
Prop design and environment color keys
- **2003 February-Present:** Freelance Concept Artist/Illustrator, FIC of America  
Designed and textured video game characters and vehicles for ATI Radeon and Intel/AMD motherboard product packaging
- **2002 June - September:** Intern, Wild Brain
- **2001 July-Present:** Freelance Illustrator, SpaceWorks Engineering, Inc.  
Created conceptual illustrations of various space launch vehicles for NASA NAIC and MSFC

### **Education:**

- **2000 - 02:** Graduated from the Academy of Art College in San Francisco with a BFA in Illustration/Concept Design, 3.8 GPA
- **1998 - 99:** Attended Pasadena City College Art Department in Los Angeles
- **1996:** Completed an additional year of post-graduate thesis work at Nusashino Art College
- **1995:** Graduated from Nusashino Art College, Tokyo, Japan, Fine Art Department  
(Attained associate degree)

### **Art Exhibitions:**

- **1996:** Individual exhibition, Ginza, Japan
- **1996:** Group exhibition in Tokyo, Japan
- **1995:** Group exhibition in Tochigi, Japan
- **1995:** Graduation exhibition in Nusashino Art College
- **1995:** Accepted for general exhibition in Karasuyama Art Museum

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