

# CREATIVITY *for* LIFE



## MEDIA ARTS

### Rafael Duffie

#### School

The Art Institute of California—  
Los Angeles, a campus of  
Argosy University

#### Program of Study

Bachelor of Science,  
Media Arts & Animation,  
2012

#### Job Title

Designer/Composer,  
Look Effects, Inc.

## United States Navy Veteran, Works on TV's *Bones* and Feature Films Including *Noah*

Rafael Duffie is working as a designer and compositor at Look Effects, Inc., a visual effects studio located in Culver City, California. He's responsible for maintaining the company websites and designing all print material, upkeep of social media sites, and assisting on shots for TV shows and films. A military veteran, Rafael spent four years in the United States Navy where he served as a Media Specialist. Today he creates visual effects for television shows including Fox's *Bones* and feature films such as *Noah*.

"I [was so] proud when I got my first shot for *Bones*," he says. "I was nervous and stayed at work extra late to get the shot just right." In addition to his media arts work, Rafael creates advertising materials that can help the company to secure million dollar contracts. "I am the go-to-guy. It feels good!"

Rafael, who in 2012 earned a Bachelor of Science in Media Arts & Animation from The Art Institute of California—Los Angeles, says that his education provided the skills necessary to move into his current position—and to stay there long term. He recommends that current students learn outside of the classroom and network with those in the industry. "I cannot tell you how crucial this is to your future career." Rafael adds that he got his current job through a contact he made six years prior. "I made such an impression that the person that was hiring remembered me. It makes a world of difference."