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CLIMATE ACTIVIST, VISUAL ARTIST & XR EXPERT

Artist and researcher renowned for groundbreaking immersive experiences tackling climate change. Finalist of the Young Climate Prize, my work merges art, technology, and environmental activism. Through my immersive creations, viewers step into interactive digital realms, fostering deeper connections. Additionally, I lead talks on cutting-edge technologies like VR, blockchain, and AI, bridging art and innovation to inspire positive global impact.

KEY COMPETENCIES

Innovation and Creativity	Project management	Blockchain & web3
Leadership and Team Management	Flexibility and Adaptability	Virtual Reality & Mixed reality
Problem Analysis and Conflict Resolution	Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Work	Web Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor **Nov 2023 - Present**

Pontifical Xavierian University

- Taught Electronic Arts classes, focusing on new technologies and international projects
- Shared knowledge and expertise with students to advance their artistic projects

XR developer and assesor

Aug 2023 - Nov 2023

ICANH

- Collaborated with indigenous communities to raise awareness about climate change and their rituals
- Spent 3 weeks in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta working with the communities to understand the customs and record the rituals.
- Develop app for VR in Unity and player for videos.
- Edit videos 360 and ambisonic sound.

Co-Creator,

May 2023 - Jul 2023

Trenes de Colombia

- Developed an installation using Arduino and synchronized projectors for the Festival de la Imagen
- Created a system to convert normal negatives into positives for use in slide projectors, taking near 1000 photos in 35mm
- Trained AI to generate images using a database of foundation of trains in Colombia, creating a new idea of memory

B-ritas

Jan 2023 - Present

Founder

- Developed and implemented immersive experiences for climate change awareness
- Collaborated with indigenous communities and international organizations
- Participated in various distribution and exhibition spaces

Colombia young represent

Aug 2022 - Sept 2022

JKU, Ars Electronica on festival university, Austria.

- Creation of work exchange energy, instalation in the festival university
- Participant of the university festival and attendance to high impact lectures.

- Developer and Community Manager** **Jan 2022 - Present**
Jaguares Colective
- Developed and maintained the Cardano server
 - Managed community engagement and logistics for projects such as ARTBO and Casa de Cambio
 - Migrated to Gnosis in 2023-2024 for more efficient and attractive proposals
- Member and co-founder - Production Amazonic Audiovisions** **Sep 2021 - Nov 2022**
Dabucuri cinético Colective
- Conversations with amazonic communities, co-creation of video 360 experience for the COP26 in Glasgow
 - Generation of new gender in 360 for the co creation and co manager this experience for improve quality and message of this communities.
- Conference Speaker** **April 2021 - Present**
Pontifical Xavierian University, Smartfilms
- Delivered talks on innovative topics such as technology and climate change
 - Impacted over 800 people with clear and simple explanations of complex topics
- Research Group Coordinator** **Jan 2020 - Jun 2022**
RecLab
- Managed over 6 projects in virtual reality and 360° video
 - Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams to develop innovative solutions
 - Co-created workshops and training programs for new technologies
- Growth Hacker** **Jun 2020 - Jan 2022**
Italent Colombia
- Developed and implemented social media strategies for growth and engagement
 - Created professional images and videos for online presence
 - Maintained digital platforms and websites
- Communication Intern** **Jan 2021 - May 2021**
Centro Ático
- Co-created a digital culture laboratory brand for teachers
 - Developed and delivered talks to bridge the gap between students and professionals
 - Worked creatively and interdisciplinarily with teams
- Director Under the same light** **Aug 2021 - Dec 2021**
SCHOLARSHIP PROF. OF ARTISTS, SCRD
- Produced, directed, and managed teams for 360° video production
 - Coordinated with dancers, distributors, artists, and sound engineers
 - Created alliances and disseminated audiovisual content
- Script and Manager** **Feb 2019 - Nov 2019**
3 Gracias - Proyecto Javeriana
- Produced an animation with oil paint project for 360° video.
 - Wrote scripts, edited, and managed teams for project delivery.
 - Edition for video 360 and taking scan near 3800 images for this video.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Visual Arts

Majors: Audiovisual and Virtual Reality
Pontifical Xavierian University

Filling gaps

Johannes Kepler University Linz

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency School

Platzi

Soft Skills School

Platzi

Neurolinguistic programming and management of mental anchors

Mauricio Benoist, Hotmart

Neuromarketing

Jürgen Kláric, Hotmart

Be Excellent

ASEIA

Storytelling VR

Vancouver Film School

Course in cultural Gestion and copyright

National University of Colombia

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Member, Reclab Research group

Pontifical Xavierian University

Athletic Selection

Pontifical Xavierian University

Misión País Colombia, Volunteer

Pontifical Xavierian University

Letter to master, volunteer

Pontifical Xavierian University

Arts faculty Inductor

Pontifical Xavierian University

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Biff 5, Selected for storytelling

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VR selection, Cine Toro

Pontifical Xavierian University and Cine Toro Festival

Festival University

JKU & Ars Electronica

Young climate prize

The World Around and meta

2nd place in contest Research groups

Pontifical Xavierian University

3rd place Latam, Hackaton Sony and winner Xaveriana

Pontifical Xavierian University and LATAM sony

Participant of Image Festival Bogota 2023, international court

Image festival