

# COLE O'BRIEN

Technical Animator  
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## Education

**Massachusetts College of Art and Design**  
Boston MA BFA in Animation, 2016

## Work Experience

**Avalanche Studios, New York, NY**  
Technical Animator for *Just Cause 4*  
October 2017 - present  
Rigging and pipeline tool support for the Animation, Cinematics and Character Art teams.

**Harmonix Music Systems, Boston MA**  
Animator and Generalist Artist for *Rock Band 4*,  
Summer 2015, Summer 2016 - Dec 2016 (1 year total)  
Edited cameras and lights to music for *Rock Band* DLC. Animated character lipsync.  
Worked on animation cleanup and implemented UI features for online update.

**Hero4Hire Creative, Waltham MA**  
3D Generalist Artist  
August 2017 - September 2017  
3D animation, rigging, and programming support for two animated shorts. Worked on a team of three, was the primary animator on the projects.

## Projects

**TES Renewel: Skywind** – Skyrim Mod  
Summer 2016 - present  
A remastering of *Morrowind* (2002) in the *Skyrim* game engine. Head the animation department. Work on optimizing the animation pipeline, assigning tasks to animators, rigging and tools support, and building new NPC animations in motionbuilder.

**Rigloo** – Rigging Toolset for Maya  
Summer 2017  
A component-based rigging toolset built with the goal of simplifying the rigging workflow while maintaining the creative decisions involved. Sole programmer on the project.

**Recursion** - Unity3D Short Film/Game, Animation Degree Project  
Fall 2015 - Spring 2016  
Science fiction horror film and procedurally generated exploration game. Worked on Programming, Animation, Rigging, Modelling, Texturing, and Story.

## Software Experience

<b>Art</b>	Photoshop, Substance Painter
<b>Animation</b>	Maya, Motionbuilder, 3Ds Max
<b>Code</b>	C#, Python, Mel, C++(Maya plugins)
<b>Game Dev</b>	Unity, Unreal, Shaders, Git, Perforce

## Awards

Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Rank, 2011  
Massart Animation "Perpetual Motion Award", 2016  
Vimeo Staff Pick: Golem Jam Collaboration "SCROOBJAM"