RICCARDO COLOMBO

Junior Creature, Groom & CFX Artist

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SUMMARY

Junior Creature, Groom & CFX Artist with a background in Computer Science and a three-year VFX degree. Specialised in the full creature workflow, from anatomical sculpting, texturing and lookdev to hair, fur and feather grooms with dynamic CFX setups. Rookie Awards 2026 finalist for two Career Opportunities. Looking to bring a technical, detail-driven approach to an ambitious VFX studio.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Moonshot Studio, Remote — *Freelance Junior Groom TD / CFX Artist*
07/2026 – PRESENT
Created fur and feather grooms for photorealistic animal assets. Developed procedural feather grooming templates and custom tools to optimise the grooming pipeline.

Independent client, Remote — *Freelance 3D Artist*
07/2026 – 10/2026
Handled creature grooming, look development and feather CFX for an independent YouTube project. In Houdini and Karma I built physically accurate plumage and dynamic setups, simulated feathers for hero shots, and completed lighting and rendering.

AP Consulting srl, Verona — *Software Developer Intern*
06/2022 – 09/2022
Built a form interface for an enterprise product, plus REST APIs and web applications with Node.js and React.

EDUCATION

Side Academy, Verona — *Three-year course in VFX*
COMPLETED 2026 · 110/110 CUM LAUDE
3D and VFX academy simulating real-world studio pipelines for film and entertainment.
Graduation group project: *Age of Dinosaurs*, Rookie Awards 2026 Film of the Year Finalist, Highly Commended and People's Choice.

ITIS Guglielmo Marconi, Verona — *Diploma in Computer Science*
COMPLETED 07/2023 · 100/100
Technical school focused on computer science, software architecture and programming logic.

SKILLS & PROFICIENCIES

Digital Sculpting & Retopology: ZBrush, Maya

Grooming & CFX: Houdini

Texturing & Lookdev: Mari, Substance Painter, Solaris, RenderMan, Karma, Arnold

Compositing: Nuke

AWARDS

Rookie Awards 2026

- Career Opportunity Finalist: ETC
- Career Opportunity Finalist: Important Looking Pirates
- Film of the Year: Finalist, Highly Commended, People's Choice
  Age of Dinosaurs
- Rank A: Visual Effects

LANGUAGES

- **Italian:** Native
- **English:** Fluent