

Nik Hagialas: From PSU Grad to Creating 'Mask Of Semblance'

By Michael Ortoski

PHILADELPHIA - After diving into Super Mario Bros on the SNES at the age of 3, Nik knew that video games would always hold a special place in his heart. This, coupled with Nik's passion for art, music, and storytelling lead him to begin development on his first game, Mask Of Semblance.

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He and his longtime friend, Arman Ayrapetyan, created Red Essence Games in the city they grew up in, Philadelphia. Nik earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Pennsylvania State University and specialized in Concept Art and Digital Media.

He was previously the Art Director and Concept Artist at Nectar Game Studios. Working in the video game, film, and trading card game industries gave him the pipeline understanding he needed to begin his own project. Most notably, he has produced work for Fantasy Flight games, working on the Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones trading card games.

About the game: Players will enter the living, breathing world of Mask Of Semblance. This 2D hand-painted cinematic Action RPG follows the adventures of a boy and a sentient mask.

In this demo, The Boy and The Mask will stumble upon a cursed village full of nomadic tradesmen, sapped of their strength and will to live on. Influenced by the curse himself, The Boy must fight for survival and the future of the Palati by solving the mystery of the forest.

About the studio: Red Essence Games focuses on The Three E's of the Entertainment Industry; to entertain, to educate, and to elevate. We strive to create experiences that are engaging, will make people think, and are visually pleasing.

The Studio began in co-creator Nik Hagialas' home office in Philadelphia, where he and Arman Ayrapetyan started work on their flagship title, Mask of Semblance. Mask of Semblance is the first game in our line, and is a Narrative Driven, 2D action adventure / RPG.

Links: Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/MaskOfSemblance/> Download Demo Link: <https://gamejolt.com/games/MaskOfSemblance/277888>

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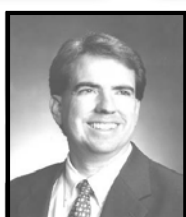
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 charist. Rev. William Martin, 610-746-
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 vice will be held at St. Mary's Episco-
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