# GREAT GAME!













MORTAL 11 KOMBAT.

**February 2021 Survey Results** 

ALBANY

The Capital Region has been making waves in the digital game industry for more than two decades. It is the home of Vicarious Visions, which Activision acquired in 2005 and merged into Blizzard Entertainment in 2021. The studio in the Albany suburb of Colonie worked on Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock, became the industry's first billion-dollar title. The region's game development cluster has grown to include several other prominent studios, including Velan Studios, WB Games NY, PUBG MadGlory, Wolfjaw Studios and 1st Playable Productions. Additionally, the cluster has a broad and vibrant ecosystem of independent studios and startups. It also has a robust talent pipeline that include Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's nationally recognized Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences program as well as a game design A.S. degree program at SUNY Schenectady.

# COME PLAY IN THE CAPITAL REGION



Mario Kart Live Home Circuit by Velan Studios

- **Velan Studios**
- **1st Playable Productions** 2.
- 3. **Wolfjaw Studios**
- **WB Games NY** 4.
- 5. **Network Next**
- **Clockworks Games** 6.
- 7. Dang!
- **Tunacat Studio** 8.
- **Rumblecade**
- 10. Omiya Games
- 11. R&R Soup

KEY:

- 12. Tech Valley Game Space
- 13. RPI Gaming & Simulations Arts & Sciences (GSAS)
- 26. Crecent Moon Games
  - 28. Pine Drake Games
  - 29. Vorpal Enterprises
- 14. Hudson Valley Community College 30. PUBG MadGlory

Independent Studios

15. Queenship Game Studio Large Studios



18. University at Albany

19. Jahnel Group

20. Catapult Games

21. CAGE Studio

22. Gaming Insomniacs

23. SUNY Schenectady

24. Trojan Duck Games

25. ToothPike Games

27. IPACES

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Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 by Vicarious Vision

# TALENT PIPELINE













#### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences (GSAS)

Animation Career Review Ranking (2021)

20<sup>th</sup> Best Game Design College

85 game design degrees Awarded (2017–2019)

M.A. & Ph.D. in Critical Game Design

#### **Other Video Game-Related Programs at:**

- · University at Albany
- Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC)
- Schenectady County Community College (SCCC)

#### **Albany Can Code**

• Software code training for non-traditional students

#### **Gaming Community**

- HV GamerCon 2020
  - » Northeast's largest collegiate esports event
- UAlbany eSports / CEHC Game Nights
- Tech Valley Game Space
- International Game Developers Association, (IDGA) Albany
- · RPI Gaming Club

# VISIT THE **Game on New York** website



# **CLUSTER PROFILE**

### 24 studios with 500+ workers total

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#### **LARGE STUDIOS**

(≥15 employees) 439 total workers Increase of 16% Y/Y



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## INDEPENDENT STUDIOS

(<15 employees, contractors, volunteers) 68 total workers



# POPULAR GAMES BY CAPITAL REGION STUDIOS

















**Guitar Hero III (Vicarious Visions)** 

**Crash Bandicoot (Vicarious Visions)** 

**Cooking Mama (1st Payable Productions)** 

Mario Kart Live Home Circuit (Velan Studios)

Player Unknown's Battlegrounds (PUBG MadGlory)

Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 1+2 (Vicarious Visions)

Mortal Kombat 11 (WB Games New York)

**AXE.IO (Crescent Moon Games)** 

Don't Look Down (Catapult Games)

Shakespeare or Die (Clockwork Games)

**BoomerangX (DANG! Studios)** 

The Recursive Dollhouse (Omiya Games)

Fight for Humanity (Gaming Insomniacs/Catapult Games)

**Memory Lane (IPACES)** 

**Open Spaces (Queenship Game Studio)** 

Rockabilly Beatdown (Rumblecade)

Super Upbeat (Trojan Duck Games)

Load Roll Die (ToothPike Games)

**Mastery (Tunacat Studio)** 

ZEPHYRx Breathe Easy (ZEPHYRx)