

FREYA JIAYU ZHAO

VISUAL DEVELOPMENT & STORY ARTIST



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CONTACT

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Location: Pasadena, CA

EDUCATION

Major: Entertainment Design - Animation

2022.09 - Present

Art Center College of Design
Pasadena, CA, USA

Teaching Assisted for Concept Art 2, 2D 1 Fundamentals, CG 1 Fundamentals
Current GPA 3.9/4.0

Traditional Animation

2021.06 - 2021.08

UCLA Summer Sessions
Los Angeles, CA, USA

Related Courses: Writing for Animation, Traditional Animation
GPA 4.0/4.0

B.Eng. Landscape Architecture

2016.09 - 2020.06

Nanjing Forestry University
Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, CN

Chair of Propaganda Department in the Students' Union
Graduate with Honor - GPA 3.9/4.5

EXPERIENCE

Director

Art Center College of Design
Pasadena, CA, USA

Peafowl Dance

2023.09 - Present

Student Short 2D Animation - unreleased

- Took charge of the whole storytelling part: wrote the script, took part in storyboarding, editing and pitching
- Built the style guide for visual: designed the main characters and drew the concept

Story Artist & Producer

Green Monster Team Animation Studio
Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, CN

The Last Minute

2023.07 - 2023.08

Student Short 2D Animation - released online

- Took charge of production, editing and the only one 3D shot
- Took part in storyboarding, animating

Set Assistant

Hangzhou Steamworks Creative Co., LTD.
Hangzhou, Jiangsu Province, CN

Sugar

2020.04 - 2020.08

Animated Feature (Stop-Motion) Film - unreleased

- Assisted with 3D artists and hand-making modelers (Rhino, MAYA)
- Made hand-made models of props and backgrounds

SKILLS

Software

Storyboard Pro
Harmony
Photoshop
TVPaint
Clip Studio Paint
Procreate
Dragonframe
Premiere

Maya
After Effects
Illustrator
InDesign
Rhino +
Grasshopper
V-ray
AutoCAD

Language

Mandarin (native)
English (proficient)
German (beginner)

Interest

Event Planning
Opera Watching
Craft Making

AWARDS

Scholarship

Duane and Betty Bohnstedt Endowed Scholarship (2023)
Academician Cao Jiajie Scholarship (2019)

VOLUNTEER

Translator for Feinaki (Beijing) Cultural Animated Film Festival (2022 - present)

P.S. References available upon request