



Lei Chen Animator / Digital Artist

Trained in painting from an early age under the guidance of an oil painter, I developed a strong foundation in visual arts and visual storytelling. I later studied animation in Los Angeles and spent five years there studying and gaining experience in the film and animation industry.

My experience spans the full animation production pipeline, including concept development, storyboarding, 3D modeling, animation, editing, and sound design. I am particularly drawn to narrative-driven work and the subtle emotional details found in everyday life. Through moving images, I hope to capture those fleeting moments and create works that resonate with audiences.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Proficient: Nuke, Unreal Engine 5, Blender, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, CSP
Familiar: TV paint, Cinema 4D, Maya, Zbrush, Houdini, Davinci Resolve,

WORK EXPERIENCE

Digital Artist

Shimahara Visual's Studio 2022.11-2023.10

Description: Supporting the production of digital illustrations, photomontages

VFX Assistant

ReelShort Post production - ReelShort VFX Team 2023.11-2024.4

Description: Supporting the VFX Producer and coordinators with administrative tasks.

Composer

ReelShort Post Production - ReelShort VFX Team 2024.4-2025.12 then freelance until now

Description: Responsible for producing the final renders for shots and visual effects sequences.

Portfolio Instructor (Digital Media & Animation)

Rosso International Education Group 2024.1-2025.7 part time; 2025.8-now full time

Description: Guide students in developing animation and digital media portfolios for international university applications.

HONORS:

Digerati Emergent Media Festival 2022, OFFICIAL SELECTION

Trickfilm Festival Düsseldorf 2022, Contemporary Animation 2022, Experimental Animation and Motion Design OFFICIAL SELECTION

Animators Guild India Fest 2023, Best Student Animated Film

Canberra Short Film Festival 2022, Animation Category - OFFICIAL SELECTION

Australia Animation Film Festival 2023, OFFICIAL SELECTION

Irish Animation Awards 2023, Nomination- Signal: Best International Short Film Festival of Animation Berlin (FAB) 2023, OFFICIAL SELECTION

International Tour Film Festival 2023, OFFICIAL SELECTION

Sunderland Shorts Film Festival 2023, OFFICIAL SELECTION

International Tour Film Festival, 2023, Animation Category Finalists

ASIFAC'24, 2024, OFFICIAL SELECTION

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Major: Experimental Animation
California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, CA. 2019.9-2022.5

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Environment Design(Exhibition Design)
Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China. 2015.9-2019.5