

JOY ZOU

2D ANIMATOR AND STORYBOARD ARTIST

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SKILLS

- **Toonboom** (Harmony, Storyboard Pro)
- **Adobe Suite** (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate, After Effects, Premiere, Audition)
- **TVPaint Animation Pro**
- **Flow Production Tracking** (ShotGrid)
- **Clip Studio Paint EX**

AWARDS

- **Dean's Award - Bachelor of Design (Animation and Interactive Media)**, RMIT University | 2023
- **Vice-Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence**, RMIT University | 2023
- **Best Animation**, Monash Youth Film Festival | 2018, 2019

EDUCATION

- **Bachelor of Design (Animation and Interactive Media)**, RMIT University | 2020 - 2023
- **Animation & VFX Production Management Course**, Mayhem Production Management | Aug - Oct 2024

VOLUNTEER

- **Event Volunteer**, RMIT Animation Expo | Sep - Nov 2023
- **Film Festival Judge**, 2022 - 2023 Monash Youth Film Festival
- **Event Planning Crew Member**, Quiksound Productions | Mar 2020 - 2022

EXPERIENCE

Framestore

VFX and Animation Creative Studio

Production Assistant | Dec 2024 - current

- Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Movie (2026)
- Current Production Coordinator for Tracking and Paint/Roto departments
- Was also entrusted with further responsibilities of temporarily coordinating the Animation and CreatureFX departments for 5 weeks

Melbourne International Animation Festival (MIAF)

Producer | June 2024 - current

- Responsible for the planning and execution of selected events for MIAF 2025, working closely with the Festival Director and Production Manager and liaising with potential collaborators

Animation & VCE Private Tutor

Freelance | Mar 2020 - current

- Tutoring secondary and tertiary students one-on-one in animation, VCE Media and Visual Communication Design (VCD)
- Garnered 250+ hours of tutoring experience and positive reviews on listing sites
- Responsible for devising curated tutoring plans and weekly tutorials

WeAnimate Club - Women in Animation Student Collective

Founder and President | Nov 2022 - Dec 2024

- Founded the first international Women in Animation (WIA) Student Collective, connecting Melbourne to WIA student collectives in the USA
- 270+ club members and 450+ followers on Instagram
- Organised consistent online 'WeWork Together' sessions between April 2023 - Dec 2024 on Discord, fostering a sense of community within the club
- Hosted 7 successful in-person events from 2023-24 with an average turnout of 20+
- As an independent club, built the committee's structure, role delegation and event coordination workflow from scratch, ensuring smooth communication between all committee members
- Chaired all committee meetings since 2023, responsible for keeping track of the event plan timeline and delegation of specific tasks
- Devised and planned the on-boarding / training process for general committee members, assigning roles based on individual strengths while providing one-on-one support as needed

Innit Productions

Design, Animation and Digital FX Studio

Freelance Concept Artist | Aug 2024

- Created style frames for an unannounced animated education video
- Provided daily updates to the client via email and Notion

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LANGUAGES

- English - Native
- Chinese (Mandarin) - Fluent

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Analytical Figure Drawing with Ron Lemen - CG Master Academy
Apr - June 2024

Gobelins Online Summer School: From Storyboard to Animatic
June - Jul 2021

Andy Cung - Umbrella Method for Storyboarding Workshop
2021

EXPERIENCE

Melbourne International Animation Festival (MIAF)

Film Festival Judge | Apr - May 2024

- I was one of three judges for the MIAF 2024, responsible for watching 70+ short films and providing detailed feedback for each film

RMIT University and Menzies - 'What is MESCH'

Story Artist, 2D Animator, Background Designer | Jul 2023 - Apr 2024

- One of three RMIT alumni hired to create an informative animated video for Menzies about their maternal healthcare program
- Animated in Toonboom Harmony, created storyboards in Storyboard Pro

POZENG PTY. LTD. Engineering Advisory Company

Logo Designer | Jan - Mar 2024

- Worked closely with technical delivery director to create a design brief and final logo design
- Crafted presentations after each milestone to show client the design process, ensuring clear communication and understanding on both sides

City of Monash - Youth Services

Freelance Designer | Jan 2024

- Delivered final artwork under a tight 10 day deadline, communicating frequently with the project officer

Felled - Student Graduate Film

Director, Production Coordinator and Animator | 2023

- Finalist - 'Best Overall Film' - Australia Youth Film Festival
- Spanish Premiere - SUNCINE International Environmental Film Festival, Spain
- Official Selection - Animation Bucharest International Film Festival, Romania
- Official Selection - Animalcoi - International Animation Festival of Alcoy, Spain
- Four other official selections in international film festivals

TANKARD - Beerbarians (Official Music Video)

Student Co-Director, Storyboard Lead, Lead Animator | Jul 2022 - Feb 2023

- Created as part of RMIT's third-year collaborative studio course
- Kept the project timeline on track, creating a storyboard production spreadsheet sorting shots by priority
- Responsible for leading storyboard and animation production meetings, delegating scenes to classmates based on strengths and skillset
- Responsible for structuring most of the story, finding ways to reuse assets, shots and backgrounds where possible to reduce production time based on tight deadlines
- Winner - Best Music Video - Fort Smith International Film Festival, Arkansas
- Winner - Best Advertising Short - FIA Festival Internacional De Animacion, Uruguay
- Winner - Student Recognition Award - Anima Cinefest, New York
- 25+ official selections in international film festivals