



# XENIA “Z” BALASHOV

## EXPERIENCE

### June 2021–July 2021

#### Art Director & 1st AD • Open the Portal

- Storyboarded, composited, edited on an animated music video
- Received and incorporated daily director feedback
- Textured and painted final animation frames

### February 2021–March 2021

#### Storyboard Revisionist • Hornet

- Worked closely with director to revise scenes
- Reworked existing storyboards and drew new storyboards as needed
- Received and incorporated daily feedback

### December 2020–June 2021

#### Production Coordinator • Zapruder Films

- Created and maintained numerous spreadsheets for tracking assets, production schedules, and personnel
- Facilitated communications with overseas vendor studio
- Transcribed and distribute all meeting notes at art, story, edit, and studio executive meetings
- Checked-in with artists about progress, assisted with animation and storyboard handoffs

### June 2020–August 2020

#### Production Intern • Open the Portal

- Created animatic breakdown spreadsheets
- Wrote coverage reports on scripts

## EDUCATION

### California Institute of the Arts

- B.F.A in Character Animation, Graduating May 2024

## PROJECTS

### August 2023–April 2024

#### CalArts Thesis Film

- Develop and bring to life a lush world with unique characters through storyboards, visual development art, and animation for 7-minute animated film
- Coordinate and direct voice actors, sound designer, composer

### September 2020–October 2024

#### Warm Welcome • Independent Short Film

- Directed and produced a short animated film with 7 other classmates
- Contributed to script, storyboards, animation, prop design, compositing, and sound design
- Chosen for prestigious CalArts Producers’ Show

## CONTACT

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## SOFTWARE

- Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, After Effects, Premier)
- Toonboom Harmony & Storyboard Pro
- Maya & Blender
- Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Teams)
- Google Suite (Gmail, Calendar, Drive, Sheets, Docs)