

Stefie Gan

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California , Los Angeles, CA Master of Fine Arts in Animation and Digital Arts	2022
Barnard College, Columbia University , New York, NY Bachelor of Arts in Architecture	2012
Yonsei University , Seoul, South Korea	2012
Tsinghua University , Beijing, China	2011

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Specialization: 2D Animation, Storyboarding/Story Development, Animation Production, Oxberry Camera, Video Editing, Sound Production, Foley, Sand Animation, Objects Animation, Stop motion Animation, Hand-Drawn Animation, Rotoscoping, Digital Film Editing

Software: Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Animate, Lightroom, Illustrator, InDesign, Bridge, Acrobat, Mixamo, Audition, Storyboard Pro, Procreate, TVPaint, Dragonframe, Maya 3D, C4D, Rhino 3D, Avid

Language: Speaks Mandarin and Cantonese, Intermediate French

FILMOGRAPHY

<u>CARBON TRACES</u> (Producer/Director/Animator) 5-minute animation about humans' disconnection to nature and finding ways to restore the connection. Charcoal/carbon medium. <i>Sponsored by Voices with Impact, California's Mental Health Commission</i>	2023
<u>JOSS LOTUSES TO GRANDMA</u> (Director/Animator) 7-minute animation about the filmmaker's return to Malaysia after her grandma's death. 2D digital hand-drawn animation. <i>ASIFA-Hollywood Grant, Carole & Larry Auerbach and Family Finishing Fund, My Hero International Film Festival Finalist, USC Asian Pacific Film Fest Audience Award</i>	2022
<u>ILLEGITIMATE VOICE</u> (Co-Director/Animator) 5-minute animated documentary about the filmmaker's move to the United States as a child and reflection on undocumented immigration. 2D animation with mixed media. <i>Featured at Youth Collected Film Festival at Lincoln Center hosted by NPR & PBS, Michaeux Film Festival Outstanding Animation</i>	2021
<u>EBB AND FLOW: LIFE AT THE ROCKY INTERTIDAL</u> (Producer/Director/Animator) 3-minute animation that peeks into marine life at the rocky intertidal shoreline. 2D animation. <i>Sponsored by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Sea Grant Program, Wrigley Fellow</i>	2020
<u>JOURNEY ACROSS THE BRIDGE</u> (Producer/Director/Animator) 3-minute animation about an immigrant-mother-and-daughter interaction during a subway ride in New York City. 2D animation. <i>Women Over 50 Film Festival Award, Vallejo Art Walk's Bay Area Cinema</i>	2020

FILMOGRAPHY *continued*

- PLASTIC ECOSYSTEM** (Producer/Director/Animator) 2019
1-minute animation about the new plastic “marine life” in the oceans and their behaviors. Stop-motion with trash objects. *Academy-Qualifying Odense Film Festival Winner, One Earth Film Festival Award, Underwater Film Festival Finalist, WHY Foundation feature on media outlets such as BBC and CBC*
- MONKEY BUSINESS** (Colorist) 2017
1-hour animated feature documentary on the creators of *Curious George*. 2D animation.
- REVENGEANCE** (Colorist/Cleanup Artist) 2017
1-hour animated feature by Oscar Nominee Bill Plympton about a bounty hunter who takes on a job from an ex-biker/ex-wrestler turned U.S. senator. 2D traditional cel-animation on paper.
- THE GOOD BOY** (Storyboard Artist) 2015
5-minute live-action film about a young boxer and his trainer.
Festival de Cine de Castilla la Mancha Best International Film.
- A DAY IN KUALA LUMPUR** (Producer/Director/Animator) 2012
17-minute animated short based on urban studies observations on the city live of Malaysians. Cut-out puppet animation and mixed media. *Sponsored by Barnard Centennial Research Scholarship*

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Santa Clara University**, Santa Clara, CA 2025 – present
Quarterly Lecturer
- Palo Alto Art Center**, Palo Alto, CA 2026
Art Instructor
- Ruth Asawa School of the Arts**, San Francisco, CA 2025 – 2026
Artist-in-Residence
- USC School of Cinematic Arts**, Los Angeles, CA 2020 – 2025
Lecturer/Teaching Assistant
- Triton Museum**, Santa Clara, CA 2025 – 2026
Exhibiting Artist/Workshop Instructor
- USC Graduate Animation Student Council**, Los Angeles, CA 2019 – 2021
President
- USC Residential Education**, Los Angeles, CA 2019 – 2020
Graduate Residential Coordinator

CONTENT AND MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Various, Remote <i>Freelance Director/Animator/Illustrator</i>	2020 – present
Project Happiness, Cupertino, CA <i>Director of Engagement</i>	2018 – 2020
Dow Jones Media Group, New York, NY <i>Visual Journalist</i>	2016 – 2017
Busy Monkey LLC, New York, NY <i>Colorist</i>	2016
Bill Plympton Studios, New York, NY <i>Clean Up Artist & Colorist</i>	2016
Scholastic, Inc., New York, NY <i>Animator</i>	2013 – 2014

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY <i>Class Correspondent</i>	2017 – 2022
ASIFA-East Animation, New York, NY <i>Executive Board</i>	2015 – 2018
New York Cares, New York, NY <i>Lead Mural Artist</i>	2013 – 2016
American Red Cross of Greater New York, New York, NY <i>Youth Executive Board Member</i>	2006 – 2009

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS

Women in Animation Scholarship, Los Angeles, CA	2022
Walsh Memorial Scholarship, Walsh Family Foundation	2021
Esalen Institute Fellow, Big Sur, CA	2021
Omega Institute Women's Leadership Scholarship, Rhineback, NY	2012
Toby S. Levy '72 and Rick A. Holman Architecture Scholarship, New York, NY	2012
Cheryl Shaffer Greene '66 Writing Fellows, New York, NY	2012

GUEST ARTIST / FILMMAKER LECTURES

VOICES WITH IMPACT FILM FESTIVAL , <i>filmmaker</i>	2023
Participated in two online live filmmaker sessions: Changing Course and Creativity and Hope	
USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS , <i>presenter and moderator</i>	2021
Black History Month: Stop Motion Animator & VFX Artist Lyndon Barrois <i>via Zoom</i>	
USC SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS , <i>moderator</i>	2021
Asian and AAPI Safe Space Conversation <i>via Zoom representing The Council on Diversity & Inclusion</i>	
BARNARD COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY , New York, NY, <i>keynote speaker</i>	2017
Pre-Open House Alumnae of Color Dinner for Prospective Students of Color	

AWARDS

JOSS LOTUSES TO GRANDMA

Audience Award , <i>USC Asian Pacific Film Fest, CA</i>	2023
1st Runner-Up Animation Award , <i>First Look Industry Jury Awards, CA</i>	2023
Semi-Finalist , <i>Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival (Oscar-Qualifying), RI</i>	2023
Bernal Bright Star Award , <i>Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema, CA</i>	2023
Finalist, Relationships First Award , <i>The MyHero International Film Festival, CA</i>	2022

ILLEGITIMATE VOICE

Best Film Judge's Award , <i>Thirteen and NPR's Youth Collective Film Festival, Lincoln Center, NY</i>	2023
Second Place Documentaries for Children , <i>DocMX, Mexico</i>	2023
First Place Winner Racial Justice <i>The MyHero International Film Festival, CA</i>	2022
Outstanding Animation , <i>Michaeux Film Festival, CA</i>	2022
Special Mention Best Animation , <i>Disorient Asian American Film Festival, OR</i>	2022
Finalist , <i>Democracy – Civic Life Project, CT</i>	2022
Honorable Mention , <i>International Children Care Film Festival, France</i>	2022
Best Student Documentary Award , <i>Los Angeles Animation Festival, CA</i>	2021
Director's Choice , <i>Supernova Digital Animation Festival, CO</i>	2021
Award Winner , <i>Andromeda Film Festival, Turkey</i>	2021

JOURNEY ACROSS THE BRIDGE

Finalist , <i>Film Night on Fulton, NY</i>	2023
Nominee Asian Short Film , <i>Cinemaking International Film Festival, Bangladesh</i>	2023
Commended Short Film , <i>Women Over 50 Film Festival, United Kingdom</i>	2022
Finalist Best International Short Film , <i>Ekurhuleni International Film Festival, South Africa</i>	2022
Honorable Mention Global Impact Prize , <i>Student World Impact Film Festival, NJ</i>	2022
Honorable Mention Animation , <i>Bucks Fever Film Fest, PA</i>	2022

AWARDS *continued*

Honorable Mention, Jinju English Film Festival, South Korea	2022
Best Animation, The Gladiator Film Festival, Turkey	2021
Finalist, Like It Film Fest, MA	2021
Semi-Finalist, 2023 nukhufest, India	2022

PLASTIC ECOSYSTEM

Silver Winner, Odense International Film Festival (Oscar-Qualifying), Denmark	2021
Best Experimental, Centrally Isolated Film Festival, Cornell University, NY	2022
Best Animation, International Cilento Film Festival, Italy	2022
Second Place Animation, Houston Underwater Film Festival, TX	2022
Finalist, The MY HERO International Short Film Festival, CA	2022
Quarter-Finalist in the Best Short Film, Student World Impact Film Festival, NJ	2023
Honorable Mention, Apertura Institute, Portugal	2023
Honorable Mention, Festival CinemaZERO, Italy	2022
Finalist, Like It Film Fest, MA	2021
Quarter-Finalist, Diogenes2022,	2021
Quarter-Finalist, Neum underwater film festival,	2021
Nominee, TMFF - The Monthly Film Festival, United Kingdom	2021
Nominee, VerticalMovie	2021
Honorable Mention, One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest	2022
Honorable Mention, Festival CinemaZERO, Italy	2021

PUBLIC SCREENINGS / EXHIBITIONS**CARBON TRACES**

WIA NYC Animation Festival, New York, NY	2024
Frome International Climate Film Festival, United Kingdom	2024
FestiFrance Brasil, Brazil	2024
Terramia Film Festival, Italy	2024
Penticton Art Gallery, Canada	2024
San Francisco Frozen Film Festival, San Francisco, CA	2024
Voices with Impact, San Francisco, CA	2023
Another Hole in the Head, San Francisco, CA	2023
Vancouver International Film Festival, Canada	2023
Suncine: Environmental Film Festival, Spain	2023

JOSS LOTUSES TO GRANDMA

Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival (Oscar-Qualifying), Providence, RI	2023
RAM Film Festival, Italy	2023
BASH- Bay Area & Sacramento Short Films Festival, San Francisco, CA	2023
Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema, San Francisco, CA	2023

PUBLIC SCREENINGS / EXHIBITIONS *continued*

Seattle Asian American Film Festival, Seattle, WA	2023
USC Asian Pacific Film Fest, Los Angeles, CA	2023
First Look Industry, Beverly Hills, CA	2023
Boston Asian American Film Festival, Boston, MA	2022
Catalina Film Festival, Avalon, CA	2022
The MyHero International Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA	2022

ILLEGITIMATE VOICE

Penticton Art Gallery, Canada	2024
Thirteen and NPR's Youth Collective Film Festival, Lincoln Center, NY	2023
DocMX Un, DOCS, tres por mí Festival, Mexico	2023
The MyHero International Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA	2022
Michaeux Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA	2022
Disorient Asian American Film Festival, Eugene, OR	2022
Democracy – Civic Life Project, New Fairfield, CT	2022
International Children Care Film Festival, France	2022
Los Angeles Animation Festival, Los Angeles, CA	2021
Supernova Digital Animation Festival, Denver, CO	2021
Festival Angaelica, Big Bear Lake, CA	2021
Andromeda Film Festival, Turkey	2021
Palm Springs Animation Festival, Palm Springs, CA	2021
Positively Different Short Film Festival, Greece	2021
Central Michigan International Film Festival, Mt Pleasant, MI	2021
Big Muddy Film Festival, Carbondale, IL	2021

EBB AND FLOW: LIFE AT THE ROCKY INTERTIDAL

Wildlife Vaasa Festival-International Nature Film Festival, Finland	2022
Underwater Love Film Festival, Italy	2022
Festival del Cinema di Cefalù, Italy	2022
Earth Futures and UNESCO International Geoscience Program, New York, NY	2022
Festival Film Bahari, Indonesia	2022
One Earth Awards, India	2022
Muestra "Cortos de la Polis Joven," Costa Rica	2021
Panama Series Festival, Panama	2021
Sustainable Stories Film Fest, Houston, TX	2021
Amsterdam Lift-Off Film Festival, Netherlands	2021
Lift-Off Filmmaker Sessions @ Pinewood Studios, United Kingdom	2021
Noble International Film Festival, India	2021
Duemila30, Italy	2022

PUBLIC SCREENINGS / EXHIBITIONS *continued***JOURNEY ACROSS THE BRIDGE**

Bay Area Cinema, Vallejo, CA	2023
Cinemaking International Film Festival, Bangladesh	2023
BIPOC Pop Animation Festival, Brooklyn, NY	2023
Film Night on Fulton, Brooklyn, NY	2023
Kalakari Film Fest, India	2023
Women Over 50 Film Festival, United Kingdom	2022
Ekurhuleni International Film Festival, South Africa	2022
Student World Impact Film Festival, NJ	2022
Bucks Fever Film Fest, PA	2022
Jinju English Film Festival, South Korea	2022
Lift-Off Filmmaker Sessions @PinewoodStudios, United Kingdom	2022
Black Cat Award International Film Festival, Bolivia	2022
Student World Impact Film Festival, NJ	2022
Bucks Fever Film Fest, PA	2022
Jinju English Film Festival, South Korea	2022
Lift-Off Filmmaker Sessions @PinewoodStudios, United Kingdom	2022
Black Cat Award International Film Festival, Bolivia	2022
White Rabbit Film Festival, Brooklyn, NY	2022
Bucks Fever Film Fest, Doylestown, PA	2022
Clapperboard Golden Festival, Brazil	2022
Festival del Cinema di Cefalù, Italy	2022
Duemila30, Italy	2022
SEAxSEA: Southeast Asia x Seattle Film & Literature Festival, Seattle, WA	2022
Yale Student Film Festival, New Haven, CT	2022
Norgs International Independent Festival, Iran	2022
F5 FPP Financial Focus FilmFest, Sanford, FL	2022
Nukhufest, India	2022
Panama Series Festival, Panama	2021
Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival [ASIFA Hellas], Greece	2021
Noble International Film Festival, India	2021
The Gladiator Film Festival, Turkey	2021
Like It Film Fest, MA	2021

PLASTIC ECOSYSTEM

Odense International Film Festival (Oscar-Qualifying), Denmark	2021
BNP Paribas Green Film Festival, Poland	2023
Steve Aronson International Film Festival, Costa Rica	2023
ELO(KUVA)KUU, Finland	2023
Kalakari Film Fest, India	2023

PUBLIC SCREENINGS / EXHIBITIONS *continued*

Student World Impact Film Festival, NJ	2023
Apertura Institute, Portugal	2023
Film Fwd Environmental Festival, Barrington, RI	2023
La Brea Tar pits and Museum, Los Angeles, CA	2022
Cimasub - San Sebastian International Underwater Film Festival, Spain	2022
Wildlife Vaasa Festival-International Nature Film Festival, Finland	2022
Suncine: Environmental Film Festival, Spain	2022
Centrally Isolated Film Festival, Cornell University, NY	2022
International Cilento Film Festival, Italy	2022
Houston Underwater Film Festival, TX	2022
The MY HERO International Short Film Festival, CA	2022
One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest, IL	2022
Festival CinemaZERO, Italy	2022
Duemila30, Italy	2022
The NGO International Film Festival, Italy	2022
Cinmaking International Film Festival, Bangladesh	2022
Downstream Film Festival, Northfield, MN	2022
Festival Film Bahari, Indonesia	2022
One Earth Awards, India	2022
IFF Ekotopfilm - Envirofilm, Slovakia	2022
Golden FEMI Film Festival, Bulgaria	2022
Festival de Cinema Estudantil de Guaíba, Brazil	2022
Muestra Cortos de la Polis Joven, Costa Rica	2021
Panama Series Festival, Panama	2021
Sustainable Stories Film Fest, Bayou Theater, University of Houston	2021
Amsterdam Lift-Off Film Festival, Netherlands	2021
6th International Folklore Film Festival, India	2021
Lift-Off Filmmaker Sessions @ Pinewood Studios, United Kingdom	2021
Noble International Film Festival, India	2021
Fairfield Film Festival, Fairfield, CT	2021
The LTV FONE FILM FESTIVAL, Wainscott, NY	2021
Screen & Story Film Festival, United Kingdom	2021
Like It Film Fest, MA	2021
Diogenes2022, Italy	2021
Neum underwater film festival, Bosnia and Herzegovina	2021
TMFF - The Monthly Film Festival, United Kingdom	2021
VerticalMovie, Italy	2021
Festival CinemaZERO, Italy	2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Women in Animation, *Bay Area, CA*

ASIFA Hollywood, *Los Angeles, CA*

Barnard Club of Northern California, *Bay Area, CA*

Columbia Club of Northern California, *Bay Area, CA*

Asian American Journalism Association, *San Francisco, CA*