Alison Chang | Blending Artistry and Technology Driving Production Impacts and Creativity.

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SUMMARY

Skilled Unreal Engine Developer and 3D Artist with a proven record of award-winning immersive projects and hands-on experience in real-time production coordination. Expert in creating high-quality content within virtual production pipelines, optimizing workflows, and leading cross-functional teams to achieve seamless project delivery. Passionate about leveraging emerging technologies and innovative storytelling techniques to craft engaging and visually compelling user experiences.

EDUCATION

New York University | M.Sc. in Integrated Design & Media | New York, NY King's College London | B.A. in Liberal Arts | London, UK

Sep 2022-Jun 2024 2018-2021

AWARDS AND EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Jun 15, Haven, Animation Art Expo, Bowers Museum, CA, USA
- 2024 May 23, Haven, "Unbound Variable" Exhibition, Underground Art and Design, NY, USA
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- 2024 Haven, Finalist for Independent Shorts Awards, CA, USA
- 2024 Haven, Finalist for Student Los Angeles Film Awards, CA, USA
- 2024 Haven, Semi-Finalist for Sweden Film Awards, Sweden
- 2024 Haven, Award Winner for Student World Awards, CA, USA
- 2024 Haven, Award Winner for Oniros Film Awards, NY, USA
- 2024 Haven, **Award Winner** for <u>FIVE CONTINENT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL</u>
- 2024 Haven, Award Winner for CKF International Film Festival, London, UK

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Unreal Engine Developer, Production Coordinator

Woman Wizard Production Agency (NY's Content-Driven Production Agency)

New York, NY Aug 2024-present

- Create **3+ immersive fantasy environments** in **Unreal Engine** optimized for **virtual production**, leveraging **high-end VFX** and custom lighting setups to enhance artistic quality and XR media compatibility.
- Facilitate **cross-functional coordination** among **producers, clients, and technical teams** to ensure efficient project timelines and technical compliance for seamless XR media production.
- Translated creative direction into optimized **scene designs**, enhancing artistic quality through advanced lighting and texture mapping in Unreal Engine.
- Serve as a **technical-creative liaison**, proactively adjusting resources and workflows to meet tight deadlines, enhancing operational efficiency for **large-scale XR projects**.
- **Coordinate client and director reviews** to ensure project outcomes align with production standards, optimizing scenes and on-set lighting integration for unified live-action and virtual output.

Creative Director, Production Lead Aimo Studio

New York, NY

Mar 2023-May 2024

Competencies: Lighting, 3D modeling/texturing, Animation, VFX, Content Pipeline, Sequencers, Blueprints # Technical Skills: UE5, Maya, Metahuman, Ride Simulation, OSC, Motion Capture, Substance Painter

Selected Projects

HAVEN (Immersive Film Production)

- Directed **creative narrative and immersive environment design**, leveraging **Unreal Engine 5** for **real-time rendering**, **3D character design**, and **advanced VFX integration** to achieve a seamless cinematic experience.
- Facilitated team alignment using **ShotGrid**, integrating feedback loops for efficient milestone tracking and project goal alignment
- Executed advanced **cinematography**, VFX editing, and **compositing techniques** using UE5, Maya, **Davinci Pro**, and **OptiTrack** for motion capture, elevating cinematic immersion with cutting-edge real-time workflows.

GEMINI (Immersive Amusement Park Ride Experience)

- **Directed** the creation of an immersive amusement park ride experience, overseeing **creative direction**, **storyboarding**, **scriptwriting**, and **character design** to define cohesive user experience principles.
- Built and optimized **real-time environments, lighting,** and **animations** in **UE5** and **Maya**, designing the ride entrance, vehicle, and queue layout while refining **sound and movement effects** to enhance immersion.
- Led the technical team in addressing real-time rendering challenges and managing timelines, budgets, and stakeholder collaboration to ensure smooth production and alignment with creative goals.
- Awarded best project in class for demonstrating innovation, technical depth, and a seamless user experience.

Immersive Designer, VR Product

<u>Virtual Reality (VR) Art Project</u> – Museum of Fine Arts

Taipei, Taiwan Jun 2020-Dec 2020

 ${\it \# Competencies: 3D \ modeling, VR \ Design, User \ Experience \ and \ Interaction \ Design}$

Technical Skills: Maya, Rhino, After Effects

- Led the development of a VR platform, successfully proposing and securing approval from the museum. Created innovative, interactive interfaces and 3D models to recreate studios and historical characters.
- **Innovated and implemented interactive features**, such as timeline-based galleries, virtual scenes, and face-to-face interactions, improving user engagement and experience in a virtual exhibition setting.
- **Optimized user interfaces and workflows**, conducting thorough testing, focus interviews, and data analysis to ensure a seamless VR experience, resulting in a highly immersive, user-centered design.

Creative Production Coordinator, Curation Team Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts

Kaohsiung, Taiwan Jul 2020-Dec 2022

Competencies: immersive and interactive design, curation, filmmaking, qualitative research, concept development

- Planned and designed physical and VR exhibition environments, developing interactive educational spaces to enhance user engagement and learning. Facilitated cross-department collaboration to ensure efficient production and timely setup for exhibitions and events
- Managed documentary production tasks, conducting interviews, data collection, filming, and editing, resulting in narrative-rich presentations that integrated artistic and historical elements.
- **Developed and implemented marketing campaigns and educational events**, boosting participant engagement and maximizing public exposure for exhibitions through strategic initiatives.

Curatorial Project Manager, Space Design Intern

Kaohsiung, Taiwan

<u>Zhangqihua Culture and Art Foundation</u> (a leading culture & art organization in Taiwan)

Jun 2018-Jul 2020

Competencies: event and exhibition curation, concept development, project management, strategic planning

- Assisted in the **curation and execution of 5 major exhibitions**, managing concept development and space design; coordinated with artists, vendors, and institutions to ensure high-quality and timely execution.
- Planned and organized exhibitions at prominent venues including **Kaohsiung Cultural Center**, **The Pier-2 Art Center**, **and KMFA**, managing logistics and setup to optimize visitor flow and experience.
- Developed and organized **exhibition layouts** and interpretive elements, balancing artistic vision with practical accessibility, resulting in engaging and well-received public displays.
- Oversaw production of the foundation's official magazine, managing content creation, design, and distribution of 3000+ copies per issue, enhancing community engagement and outreach.

SOFTWARE AND SKILLS

- Creative and Technical Expertise: Unreal Engine 5 (Worldbuilding, Blueprints, Sequencers, Niagara VFX, Metahuman), Autodesk Maya (3D Modeling, Animation, Texturing), Motion Capture (OptiTrack, Rokoko), Substance Painter, Virtual Production, Storyboarding
- Project Management: ShotGrid, Jira, Resource Allocation, Budgeting, Timeline Management, Risk Management
- Collaboration: Cross-functional Team Leadership, Client Communication, Problem-solving, Conflict Resolution

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Voluntary Experience: Exhibition Volunteer, Zhangqihua Culture and Art Foundation (2020)
- Government Experience: Data Researcher, National Science & Technology Council, Digital Project (2016)
- Leadership: Vice President of Operation, Taiwanese Society of King's College London, (2019-2020)