Yifan Wang

Lighting & Generalist Artist

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SUMMARY

Lighting Artist with experience at Industrial Light & Magic in London, specializing in Lighting and Generalist work. Graduated in 2023 with a BA (Hons) in Computer Animation Art and Design from Bournemouth University's National Centre for Computer Animation (NCCA). Over the past five years, contributed to the production of several feature films and animation projects. Experienced in working across multiple CG techniques in a Linux-based pipeline, with a strong understanding of VFX workflows. Highly proficient in unbiased rendering systems and adept at using programming and scripting skills to solve technical challenges.

EDUCATION

Bournemouth University

BA (Hons) Computer Animation Art and Design

• BU Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2020

- Directed a charity animation short in collaboration with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority, and led the student production team to win the BFX Competition Community Award in 2022.
- Completed the ILM Lighting Masterclass brief in 2023, which involved processing and grading HDRIs to build lighting rigs in Katana, working on LookDev for assets, and integrating CG elements into live-action plates.
- Relevant Coursework: Lighting and Rendering, Research and Development (R&D), VFX Acquisition, Mathematics for Computer Graphics, Computing for Graphics and Animation, Real-Time Graphics System

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Softwares: Maya, Houdini, Katana, Unreal Engine, Clarisse, Nuke Renderers: RenderMan, Arnold, Karma, V-Ray, 3Delight Languages: Python, VEX, MEL, Lua, C++

WORK EXPERIENCE

	C 2024 M 2027
Industrial Light & Magic	Sep. $2024 - Mar. 2025$
Lighting Artist	London, UK
• Worked as a Lighting TD on Netflix TV series Life on Our Planet Season 2 (2026).	
• Utilized Katana and RenderMan for lighting and rendering shots within a Linux-base	ed pipeline.
• Collaborated across departments to integrate lighting within the VFX workflows.	
• Developed and optimized rendering setups for high-quality, photorealistic shots.	
Shanghai Animation Film Studio	Aug. 2021 – Oct. 2022
FX Artist	Remote
- Created effects using Houdini and V-Ray for Bilibili TV anime series Yao-Chinese Formula (${\bf V}$	olktales (2023).
• Designed stylized looks of the final shots in collaboration with the art department.	
• Composited rendered CG elements with hand-painted backgrounds in Nuke .	
Bilibili Group	Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2022
Research Assistant	Remote
• Created storyboard assets for Bilibili MovieNet-TeViS Dataset , which aims to support to visualise the text synopsis.	ort the retrieval of image sequences
• Classified data from different scenes according to the shot language used in feature films a for the Trans-TeViS decoder model .	and organized the basic framework
Beijing Film Academy - Virtual Production Lab	May 2021 – Jul. 2021
Virtual Production Assistant	Beijing, China
• Worked as a Virtual Production Assistant on science fiction feature film Journey to the	e Moon (2023).
• Assisted Virtual Production TDs with in-camera VFX setup in Unreal Engine and m per project folder structure and templates.	notion capture data management a
• Maintained on-set hardware and ensured correct setup and calibration.	
Beijing Film Academy - Dell Digital Media Innovation Lab	Mar. 2021 – Jul. 2021
IT Support Assistant	Beijing, China

- Installed and configured computer hardware, operating systems, and VFX-related software.
- Managed network and server infrastructure to ensure system reliability and security.

Bournemouth, UK 2020 - 2023