

Will Kim

Film Director & Educator

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) June 2009
Master of Fine Arts in Animation (School of Film, TV, and Digital Media)

California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts) May 2007
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Character Animation (School of Film and Video)
Minor: Social Science (School of Critical Studies)

Teaching Experience

Riverside City College (Riverside Community College District)
Full Professor (Tenured), Art Department
RCC Animation Showcase Founder & Director
August 2009 – Present

Riverside City College
Director of Visual Arts (Recruitment & Program organization)
August 2018 - Present

Sitka Fine Arts Camp in Alaska
Animation & Media Arts Instructor
June 2011-July 2011

Alta Colleges, Inc.
Westwood College, Los Angeles, California
Animation Faculty: March 2009 – May 2009

Cal Arts, Community Arts Partnership
Sony Pictures Media Arts Program
Animation Instructor & Drawing Instructor: February 2007 – June 2009
(Sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs)

Cal Arts, Community Arts Partnership
Inner City Arts, The Dreamworks Animation Academy
Animation Instructor: December 2007 – June 2009

Innerspark, California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)
Animation Program
Technical Assistant, 2007

List of Courses Taught

Storyboarding(digital & traditional), Animation Principles (Animation History & Fundamentals of Animation), Animation Production (Production Pipeline, Concept Design, Experimental Animation, Editing, Digital Compositing, Character Design), Motion Graphics, Beginning Drawing, Figure Drawing, Computer Art, and Media Arts

Guest Lecture, Juror, and Workshop

- UCLA, School of Film&TV, Animation Workshop Master Series-2021
- Philadelphia Museum of Art – Summer Teen Sketchclub-2021
- King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang-Thailand, Bangkok -2021
- Valley High School-2021
- Tobacco Free Inland Empire Art Contest Judging-2021
- Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium Guest Workshop-2020
- Cal State University, San Bernardino Graduate Seminar (Art) Guest Lecture-2020
- Delaware College of Art and Design(DCAD) Guest Workshop– 2019
- Aquarium of the Pacific (Long Beach, CA), Night Dive-Guest/Feature Artist-2018
- DCAD (Delaware College of Art and Design) Student Films Judging (2018~2019)
- Jurupa Valley High School (Jurupa Unified School District) - March 2010 and November 2010
- Applied Digital Media and Graphics Department , Riverside City College-March 2011
- (Ai)Art Institute, Hollywood-Animation and Film History Class May 2011
- 'Painting in Motion' Student Workshop at Riverside Int. Film Festival 2013.
- The ArTree 2015 Speaker Series@ Old Town Newhall Library Sponsored by City of Santa Clarita & Cal Arts, Community Arts Partnership, September 24, 2015
- OMICS 2nd International Conference on Computer Graphics & Animation presentation/guest speaker 9/21/2015 San Antonio, TX
- Animazspot Int. Animation Feedback Festival Judge (2017- 2019)

Committee Experience

- RCC Academic Senator (2019 spring~current)
- RCC Asian Pacific Student Union Advisor (2021 spring~current)
- Riverside City College Art Club Advisor (2012~2018)
- RCC ASRCC(Student Government) Art Club Scholarship Committee (2013~2018)
- Martha Jane Wright Visual Art Scholarship Committee (RCCD) (2017~2018)
- Riverside City College Grant Development Committee Member (2014~ 2016)
- RCCD Full Time Faculty/Staff Hiring Committee (2012 ~2021)
- Riverside School for the Arts Development Special Task Committee (2009~2012)

Animation and Art Exhibition Experience

- Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra (LACO) Close Quarters Streaming Series – Animator (2021)
- San Diego Comic-Con 2021- Featured Artist (San Diego Children’s Film Festival)
- PBS & iTVS Documentary Series - “Dreams of Daraa” Feature Documentary Film - Art&Animation Direction (2017~2021)
- The Prophecy (Documentary Short Film)-Animator (2021)
- Boston Lyric Opera & Philip Glass’ The Fall of the House of Usher (Feature Opera Film)- Lead Animator (2020)
- Mitsubishi Electronics-Employee Training Video Animation (2020)
- Vice Japan G.K. Botanist Opening Animation (2019)
- Still Moving, a group exhibition at Delaware College of Art and Design Gallery (2019)
- Video Transmission Group Exhibition, Riverside City College Quad Art Gallery (2019)
- Riverside Community College District Board of Trustee Election and Bond Measure Campaign Video (2018~2020)
- American Watercolor Society’s 151st Int. - Local Color (Group Exhibition) @ California Center for the Arts, Escondido, CA (2018)
- Solos Exhibition, “Visual Poetry” @ Teacision Art, Santa Clarita, CA (2019)
- Animation for Hallmark e-Card (National Day of Prayer) (2018)
- SBS Ani Gallery (aired in National Television Channel, December, 2018) Seoul, Korea

- CTN Animation Expo 2018, Artist Exhibitor
- Centre Pompidou Web Series (Paris, France) for Children Featured Artist (Episode 82 &84)
- NightDive Featured Artist at Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach, CA
- Riverside Community College Faculty Exhibition 2016
- Solo Exhibition, 'Dancing Colors' October 10 ~31, 2015 @SCA Project Gallery, Pomona, CA
- CTN Animation Expo 2015, Artist Exhibitor , November 20~22, 2015
- Saturday Show (Cat related, Art & Craft) at Tin & Velvet, Anaheim, CA , October 2015
- Solo Exhibition, 'Colors of Spring' -May 2nd~ May30th, 2014: The Center for Wellbeing, Sierra Madre, CA
- 8th Annual Pasadena Juried Art walk - Featured Artist - October 12, 2013 Pasadena, CA
- Featured Artist in Remembering the 60s and the Summer of Love and Peace Exhibition at SCA Project Gallery in Pomona, CA (July 2013)
- Galapagos Group Exhibition @ Ilmin Museum of Art - December, 2012 ~ February 2013 in Seoul, Korea
- Animation Supervisor, animator, and storyboard artist 2012, A Documentary Feature Film, 'Symphony of the Soil' Directed by Deborah Koons Garcia, Lily Films
- Between and Between Featured Artist at Rheeway Gallery, Sponsored by Los Angeles Korean Cultural Center : September 22~ October 15, 2011
- Sima Bina & Lian Ensemble US Concert Tour 2011
New York (Town Hall), Atlanta (Pace Academy), Washington DC (Center for the Arts at George Mason University) LA (Royce Hall at UCLA), and San Diego (Museum of Contemporary Art)
Animation and Visual Effects with Pouya Afshar and Neda Moridpour
- Art Auction to benefit the victims of human trafficking -Real Life Church, Valencia, CA June 17, 2011
- Animation Supervisor, animator, and storyboard artist 2010 - A documentary Feature Film, 'Amazon Gold' Directed by Reuben Aaronson, produced by Uber Content/ Funded by Amazon Aid Foundation
- 5th Annual Pasadena ArtWalk Featured Artist -October 9, 2010 Pasadena, CA
- Animator for a Coach John Wooden's Interview 2009 -UCLA, University Integrated Communications
- 2008 University of Southern California (USC) Visions and Voices – The USC Arts and Humanities Initiative
Visual Effects and Animation for a concert, 'Mystic Love and Personal Transformation'
- 2007 Harold M. Williams Auditorium, the Getty Center, The J. Paul Getty Trust,
-Visual Effects and Animation for a concert, 'Lian Ensemble' Sounds of LA
- 2005 November 7th~10th, a visual installation video art show, 'Out of Character' at D200 and D301 at California Institute of the Arts, under Cornelius Cole III's supervision
- Colorist/Painting Animation: A feature film, 'Youth in Revolt(2009)'
Directed by Miguel Arteta, Demension Films, Hornet Inc.
- Lead Animator, 2008 -Coca Cola Refreshing Filmmaker's Award (CCRFA -2008)
'The Museum' directed by Austin Formato : Various awards, including Cannes Young Director Award 2008
- Animator and digital compositor, 2009 - 'Man with a Guitar', directed by Ryan Falkner
- Logo/Title Animator, 2006 For 'Film Festival for Women Rights' Seoul, Korea
- Animation Art Show at Gallery 1919, El Gallo Café, East Los Angeles, CA

Illustration for Book & Book Cover

2018 "Reconciliation" Publisher SPCK Book Cover Illustration (Publisher in United Kingdom)

2006~2007 'Friends with Tommie Bear' by Dr. Rap®(Sam Kojoglanian MD)

2008 'The Green Street Kids and the Earth Warriors' by Alison Lerner

2008 'Tommie Bear Goes to School' by Dr. Rap®(Sam Kojoglanian MD)

Computer Skills

Adobe After Effects, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Animate, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, iStopmotion, Krita, Procreate, Stopmotion Studio, TVPaint, Toonboom Storyboard Pro, Maya (Animating)

Animation Skills

Traditional 2D Animation, 3D Animation, Watercolor Animation, Digital 2D Animation, After Effects Animation, Cut-Out Animation, Charcoal Animation, Paint on Glass Animation, Roto-Scope Animation, Pixilation

Official Selections for Film Festivals

Film, “Colorful Fears” completed in 2020

American Documentary And Animation Film Festival -*World Premiere (Oscar Qualifying)*
Brooklyn Film Festival-*East Coast Premiere*
Door Kinetic Arts Festival-*Midwest Premiere*
7th Bogota Experimental Film Festival/CineAutopsia-*South America Premiere*
South Film and Arts Academy Festival-*Best Animation Short Award*
Aggregate Animated Shorts 5th Annual Film Festival-*Juror’s Choice Award Non-Narrative*
Athens International Film + Video Festival (*Oscar Qualifying*)
Rhode Island International Film Festival (*Oscar Qualifying*)
Vancouver Independent Film Festival-Finalist
New York City Independent Film Festival
Montreal Independent Film Festival
Tofuzi 2021
Athens Digital Arts Festival 2021

Film, “The Hole” completed in 2019

Animation Block Party- *World Premiere & Original Design Award*
St. Louis international Film Festival (*Oscar Qualifying*)
Cinequest Film & VR Festival (*Oscar Qualifying*)
Digifest Temecula 2020 – *Best Animation Award*
Manchester Experimental Film Festival – UK Premiere
St. Louis International Film Festival – MidWest Premiere
LA Animation Film Festival-Los Angeles Premiere
New Hampshire Film Festival
Animation Chico Int. Animation Festival
Palm Spring Int. Animation Festival & Expo
Tbilisi International Animation Festival
L.A. Animation Festival – Finalist
Seattle Asian American Film Festival
Disorient Asian American Film Festival
Los Angeles Int. Children’s Film Festival
Riverside Int. Film Festival
London Experimental
Stockholm Experimental Animation Film Festival
ASIFA-South Animation Conference and Festival
International Fine Arts Film Festival 2021
International Sound&Film Music Festival (ISFMF)
17th San Diego Int. Children's Film Festival / San Diego Comic-Con International: Special Edition

Film, “Glorious Victory” completed in 2017

KAFFNY Infinite Cinema
Backyard Shorts FilmFest –Best Animation
Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival
Pune Short Film Festival –World Premiere
Shortz! Film Festival
The World Animation Celebration –Best Experimental Animation Award

Highway 61 Film Festival -Semi-Finalist
CON-TEMPORARY Art Observatorium -Semi-Finalist
Frame by Sound Festival -Semi-Finalist
Hollywood Screenings Film Festival -Semi-Finalist
International Independent Film Awards - Summer Session -Award Winner
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Love Your Shorts Film Festival
3 Minute Film Festival –Best Original Score
The Muskoka Independent Film Festival 2018
Tofuzi
Kerry Film Festival
VOB Film Festival
Rahway Reels: A Short Film Festival
Glendale International Film Festival 2018
South Texas Underground Film Festival
Austin Asian American Film Festival
Indie-AniFest
Dam Short Film Festival
Southeastern International Film Festival
NEW YORK STATE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Green Bay Film Festival
Detroit International Festival of Animation
Bogotá Music Video Festival
The Hub Film Festival
FIFF-Filmstrip International Film Festival
Festival Sayulita - Film | Spirits | Music | Vida
Animation Marathon
Peekskill Film Festival
AFC Global Fest
Experimental, Dance & Music Film Festival
Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival
ANNY: Animation Nights New York
LA San Rafael Film Festival
Asians On Film Festival of Shorts
Cinemaway/Кіномаршрут
Conway Film Festival
Fargo Film Festival
FEEDBACK Animation Film & Screenplay Festival
ASIFA-SOUTH Animation Conference and Festival

Film, "Waiting" completed in 2015

10th RCC Animation Showcase *World Premiere (Special Screening-Out of Competition)
Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood, July 1st 2015 *Los Angeles Premiere (Award of Merit)
Asians on Film Festival - Spring 2015 (Best Short Animation Award)
9th Korean American Film Festival New York, November 2015
LA indie Film Fest September 10~20, 2015
Melbourne Underground Film Festival 2015
7th Annual San Jose Int. Short Film Festival 2015
16th San Diego Asian Film Festival, November 5~14, 2015
Kingston Film Festival, Kingston, NY (East Coast Premiere)

Boston Int. Kids Film Festival, November 6~8
Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival, November 20, 2015

Film, "Dear My Son" completed in 2013

Indie Demand, 2014
Asian Film Festival of Dallas, 2013
Asians on Film Festival Awards, Spring 2013 - Best Short Animation Award

Film, "Dream" completed in 2012

10th Annual Riverside Int. Film Festival (World Premiere)
Animazing Spotlight 2012-Experimental Category
2012 Blue Plum Animation Festival
11th Annual Asian Film Festival of Dallas
2012 Beijing Film Academy Modern Creative Media College, Qingdao Screening
California Int Animation Festival 2012
Village Green Arts and Music Festival, Chalkwell Park in Southend on Sea, UK

Film, "Self Portrait" completed in 2009

10th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival
CineToro Colombia 2011 LiE (The Los Angeles Institute of Experimentation) Screening, International Congress

Film, "Faceless" completed in 2009

9th Annual Readymade Film Festival
UCLA Animation Prom (FTV festival)

Film, "Eldorado" competed in December 2008

-ArtsFest Film Festival, Harrisburg, PA
-10th Annual Sacramento Film and Music Festival
-Indi Spirit Film Festival, Colorado Springs, CO (April 24th~26th, 2009)
-Melbourne International Animation Festival, Australia (June 22-28, 2009)
-Busan Universiade For Digital Content, Busan, Korea (April 22nd~24th, 2009)
-11th ARTSFEST Film Festival, Harrisburg, PA (5/22-5/25, 2009)

Film, "In Search of the Colors" completed in April 2008

-2010 Honolulu Film Festival (Gold Kahuna Winner)
-ArtsFest Film Festival, Harrisburg, PA
-Bayou City Inspirational Film Festival (Honorable Mention)
-Cambridge Film Festival
-DC Asian Pacific American Film Festival
-Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival
-San Diego International Children's Film Festival at 'Museum of Photographic Arts', San Diego, CA 2009
-10th Annual Sacramento Film and Music Festival 2009
-West Hollywood International Film Festival (August 2009)
-UCLA Directors Spotlight Awards 2008 at Directors Guild of America (DGA) Theater
-Prom 2008 UCLA Festival of Animation
-California International Animation Festival(July19,2008)
-Hardacre Film & Cinema Festival, Tipton, IA(August,2008)
-Animation Block Party, New York (July25-27,2008)
-6th Annual Int. Student Film Festival Hollywood(ISFFH)- Best Animation

- Red Bank Int Film Festival, Red Bank, NJ
- Temecula Valley Int. Film Festival, Temecula, CA
- Frame Damage Animation Festival, Denver, CO
- Renderyard Short Film Festival, Spain
- Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival 2008, FL-Award of Merit in Animation
- Beloit International Film Festival, Beloit, IL (Feb 19-22, 2009)
- Ashland Independent Film Festival, Ashland, OR (April, 2009)
- Hearts and Mind Film Festival, DE (April 4th, 2009)
- Busan Universiade For Digital Content, Busan, Korea (April 22nd~24th, 2009)
- 11th ARTSFEST Film Festival, Harrisburg, PA (5/22-5/25, 2009)

Film, "Naked Branches" completed in April 2007

- 14th annual student short film festival SHORT TAKES, UCLA -Animation
- 4th annual Topanga Film Festival 07 -Film Category
- 8th annual San Diego Asian Film Festival -Animation
- 2007 Cal Arts, Character Animation Producers' Show, Academy of TV Arts and Sciences Leonard H. Goldenson Theater, N.Hollywood
- Sidney Underground Film Festival, Pre Festival Events, Sidney Shorts, Channel 31 TV program, every Monday for 4 weeks from June 25th, 2007
- 2nd annual FilmGate Int. Student Film Festival (St.Louis, Missouri) animation/experimental, Winning, 2nd place in animation/experimental category
- 2007 Taiwan International Animation Film Festival, Taiwan, China
- Terrabyte 2.0 Garden Installation Finalists, Los Angeles Arboretum
- 2nd Animest International Animation Film Festival, Bucharest, Romania
- 7th annual The Student Shorts Film Festival, Toronto, Canada
- 17th International Animated Film Festival "Les Nuits Magiques", Begles, France
- 4th Fresh Film Fest Karlovy Vary-Int. Student Film Festival, Czech Republic-Animation
- 4th annual Austin Asian Film Festival, Austin, Texas (November 8-11th, 2007)
- 6th annual Muskegon Film Festival, February 2008 (Muskegon, MI)
- Animation Nation 2007(Nov23-Dec1), Cal Arts Shorts (Singapore)
- DC Independent Film Festival, Washington D.C. (March6-16,2008)
- Philadelphia Film Festival, April 3-15-Philadelphia Film Festival, April 3-15
- 2008 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival,Florence, AL (March,08)
- 3rd Annual Kent Film Festival, Kent, CT (March,08)
- 18th International Short Film Festival of Cergy-Pontoise, France, April08
- AFI DALLAS 2008 Presented by Target, Founding Sponsor Victory Park (March27~April6)
- 3rd Annual DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon, Eugene, OR (April 24-27,08)
- SICAF 2008 (Seoul International Cartoon Animation Festival), Seoul, Korea (May21-25,08)
- European Spritual Film Festival 2008, France (March-April,2008)
- 42nd Brooklyn Arts Council International Film Festival, 'The Power of Art Category' May 2008
- Siouxland Film Festival, Sioux City, IA (Feb, 2008)- winning entry for 'Graduate Selections'
- 7th annual Ashland Independent Film Festival(AIFF), Ashland, Oregon, April 3-7
- Best Animated Short-Finalist

Film, "Palette of the Ocean" completed in April 2006

- Emerging Filmmakers-CalArts, Santa Monica, CA
- 4th annual Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Ocean Film Festival 2007
- 5th annual San Francisco Ocean Film Festival, CA

-Alaska Ocean Film Festival 2008
-Melbourne Int. Animation Festival (MIAF), Australia, June16-22, 2008

Film, “Beautiful Eyes” completed in April 2006

-7th annual San Diego Asian Film Festival –Animation
-1st annual FilmGate international Student Film Festival 2006(St.Louis, Missouri)
winning the 1st place in experimental category for FilmGate int. Film Festival 06
-3rd annual London Talent Circle, Super Shorts Int. Film Festival 2006 –Art&Experimental
-2nd annual Santa Clarita Valley Film Festival –Student
-Emerging Filmmakers-CalArts, Santa Monica, CA
-2007 Northwest Asian American Film Festival, Seattle, WA -Animation
-2007 Taiwan International Animation Film Festival, Taiwan, China

Film, “My Journey” completed in April 2005

-6th annual San Diego Asian Film Festival 2005 –Animation Category
-2nd Annual Topanga Film Festival 05 -Film Category
-Orinda Film Festival 2005 –Music Interlude Category
-Santa Clarita Independent Film Festival 2005 –Experimental/Animation Category
Nominated for Best Experimental/Animated Film
-2006 Northwest Asian American Film Festival, Seattle, WA –Animation Category

Press, Awards, & Publication

- [Southout LA Magazine Feature Artist \(2020\)](#)
- [Voyage LA Magazine Featured Artist \(2019\)](#)
- [Work of RCC Faculty, Students to be Featured in Boston Lyric Opera’s The Fall of the House of Usher](#)
- [California State Summer School for the Arts, Giving Tuesday Interviewee \(2018\)](#)
- [Art Faculty Work Featured in PBS Documentary Film](#)
- UCR(University of California, Riverside) ArtsBlock Documentary Film Series Interviewee (2017)
- CG Land Online Journal Feature Artist (2014)
- Feature Documentary Film, ‘River of Gold’ - Role: Animation Director/Animation Supervisor
Award: Merit Award for Animation @International Wildlife Film Festival 2012, Montana
invited by the US Government for the United Nations’ The Framework Conference on Climate Change. Dec 2014-aired on PBS as part of the series on The Price of Gold: Illegal Gold Mining in the Amazon
- [Cartoon Brew Artist of the Day feature 2013](#)
- KoreAm, Asian Media News Feature 2015
- [Character Media \(Asian Americans in Entertainment\) Feature Artist/Article](#)
- [RCC Animation Showcase on Press Enterprise](#)
- [Feature Documentary Film, 'Symphony of the Soil' - Role: Animation Director/Animation Supervisor
New York Times' Critic's Pick.](#)
- [Cal Arts News Blog-Animator’s Work Featured at United Nations Climate Change Conference in Peru](#)
- [KBS TV Gallery on Galapagos @ Ilimin Museum of Art](#)
- [WBOC-TV 16, FOX 21 – A Network of Like Hearts and Minds](#)
- Chuck Jones Award in Animation 2009
- Vincent E. Defrances Scholarship in Animation 2009
- Edie and Lew Wasserman Fellowship in Animation 2009
- Four Sisters Scholarship 2008 – Honorable Mention

- [UCLA Newsroom, article, 'UCLA student filmmakers honored with directing awards' -UCLA Directors Spotlight Awards 2008 at Directors Guild of America \(DGA\) Theater](#)
- Article from 'The Jewish Journal' on a children's book, 'The Green Street Kids'
- 6th International Student Film Festival, Hollywood- Best Animation Award
- Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival 2008-Award of Merit in Animation
- Sidney Underground Film Festival, Pre Festival Events, Sidney Shorts, Channel 31 TV program, every Monday for 4 weeks from June 25th, 2007
- [Wet Paint 'Animation with Attitude' article on 'Naked Branches, 'Will Kim is really good at Art'](#)
- Acuarela, article on 'Palette of the Ocean,' 'The Palette of the Ocean: a watercolor animated film'
- [-The Northern Light, article on 'In Search of the Colors,' 'Waltz with Bashir: Cartoon documentary about Lebanese war is no caper'](#)
- 2007 Animation Magazine's Student Short Film Awards –Magazine September Issue (*Naked Branches)
- 2007 Cal Arts, Character Animation Producers' Show (Juried Screening) Academy of TV Arts and Sciences Leonard H. Goldenson Theater, N.Hollywood (*Naked Branches)
- Worldstudio AIGA Scholarships W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION AWARD (2005)
- 1st place from Congressman Adam Schiff Art Competition, displayed in the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. (2003)

References:

Available upon request