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Zige Zhang 张自歌 is an animator and a filmmaker who was born in China and currently living in Chicago. She loves dramatic stories and fables that can bring joy and meanings to children and young adults. Her career goal is to produce complex and interesting animation, of her own direction, or as part of a creative team.

Also, Zige is interested in singing and composing. She started playing piano at an early age and she has a rather solid foundation in music theory. Her long time engagement with music has led to her the especial interest of musicals and she is currently working on a musical animation *King of the House*.

Education:

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL

Master of Fine Arts in Film, Video, New Media and Animation, Graduation 2015

COMMUNICATION UNIVERSITY OF CHINA, BEIJING

Bachelor of Arts in School of Animation and Digital Arts, Graduation 2012

Honors & Awards:

<*King of the House*> (2015-)

Official selection, Shanghai Animation du Mond, Annecy International Animation Festival 2016

<*Pirouette*> (2014)

Best Animation Award, Cardiff Independent Film Festival 2016

Official selection, Visions Film Festival & Conference 2016

Official selection, 2D OR NOT 2D Animation Festival 2016

Official selection, Canada International Film Festival 2016

Official selection, CASCADIA Dance & Cinema Festival 2016

Official selection, ANIM8FEST International Animation Film Festival 2016

Official selection, Animation Dingle 2016

Official selection, Animex Awards 2016

Award of Merit, Animation Chico 2015

Official selection, Cucalorus Film Festival 2015

Official selection, MIA Animation Festival 2015

Official selection, 4th Delhi Shorts International Film Festival 2015

Official selection, The World Animation Celebration, International Short Film Animation Festival 2015

<*Gorgeous*> (2012)

The outstanding works of students Awards, Beijing Film Academy , 12th Animation Academy Awards 2012

The outstanding works of students Awards, Aniwow! 7th China International Student Animation Festival 2012

Professional Experience:

Freelance Artist:

Character Animator: Christopher Sullivan's Animation Studio, Chicago, IL 2014 to present

Graphic Animator: Riverside Investment & Development Company, Chicago, IL 2015 to present

Storyboard Artist: Chicago Academy of Sciences and its Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL 2015

Teaching:

Animation Workshop Instructor: School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL Fall 2015