

KIARA CHU

VISUAL DEVELOPMENT | BG LAYOUT & PAINT | ILLUSTRATOR

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Brisbane, Australia

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Possesses a keen design sense for creating props and exploring diverse design concepts.
 - Strong proficiency in lighting and painting techniques to evoke atmosphere and mood in backgrounds.
 - Thrives in collaborative studio environments, contributing positively to team workflows and feedback loops
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EXPERIENCE

BACKGROUND ARTIST

Hooligan Animation | June 2025 – Present

- 2D Background Design, Layout and Paint

BACKGROUND DESIGNER

Freelance | March 2025

- Background Designer for an unannounced game

LEAD BACKGROUND ARTIST

Buggie Short Film | Dec 2023 – Feb 2025

- Background Design and Lead Background Paint artist, and designed posters

ILLUSTRATOR

Fiinafas | Nov 2023 – Jan 2024

- Designed character and props for a series of printed learning maps

MOTION GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN

FIKA ENTERTAINMENT | March 2022 – Oct 2022

- Prepared and design assets for Mattel's YouTube series, *American Girl*

SHORT FILMS

BUGGIE (2025)

- 2D Background Designer and Lead Background Paint Artist
- Designed posters

LOST AND FOUND (2024)

- 2D Background Layout and Paint

A SPECIAL GIFT (2023)

- 2D Background Layout and Paint + Designed props

DEAR TEACHER (2023)

- Visual Development, 2D Background layouts and animation

CADENCE (2023)

- Delivered Visual Development pieces, 2D Background Layout and Paint
- Aided in 2D Animation on Toon Boom
- Compositing on After Effects + edited and produced trailer

EDUCATION

BACHELOR IN ANIMATION

Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia | 2021 - 2023

- Received Distinction

BFA IN ANIMATION

U-TAD, Madrid, Spain | 2022

DIGITAL PAINTING FOUNDATIONS MENTORSHIP

Tiffanie Mang Mentorship | Feb - June 2025

COLOUR SCRIPTING MENTORSHIP

Tiffanie Mang Mentorship | Sep - Nov 2025

SKILLS

- Photoshop, Toon Boom Harmony, Maya, Blender, CelAction, After Effects
- **LANGUAGES:** Filipino, English, Japanese

**REFERENCES AND PORTFOLIO PASSWORD
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**