

ALI MASOUMI

Animation Director, Stop Motion Artist, Motion Designer

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PROFILE

I have over 10 years of experience in creating and directing stop-motion and 2D animation. **My recent short animation, *BUG*, was selected for the 51st Student Academy Awards, 2024.** I am skilled in stop-motion animation, most notably multiplane camera techniques, for screening at international festivals and creating commercials for brands and institutions.

I have seven years of experience as a senior motion graphic designer and motion designer in many styles, including 2D frame-by-frame animation, digital 2D, collage motion, and more.

I am also proficient in drawing and designing storyboards, characters, and concepts, and have extensive experience in designing digital characters and editing, having edited many short films, teasers, and commercials for various organizations and studios.

EDUCATION

M.A. Animation Directing | Tehran University of Art 2022 – 2024

B.A. Television Directing | IRIB University 2016 – 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sabz Afrang Film Studio

Animation Director, Senior Motion Designer, Character and Storyboard Designer 2012 – Present
Tehran, Iran

- *Animated shorts and series*
 - **Director**
 - *99* (Multiplane camera & collage animation)
 - *OMID* (2D animation)
 - *Mr. Scape* (2D animation series)
 - *BimoBime* (2D animation series)
 - **Director, Storyboard Designer**
 - Sarmayeha
 - **Character, Background Designer**
 - *Mr. Scape* (2D animation series)
 - *BimoBime* (2D animation series)
 - *Behine* (2D animation series)
- *Commercial Advertisements*
 - **Director, Animator, Designer**
 - INED Conferences (Teaser)
 - Laghari League TV program (TV Commercial)
 - **Director, Animator**
 - Shahr Bank Stop Motion - Darbi, Persepolis fan cards, supportive loan

- **Director, Writer**
 - Iranian Melli Bank (TV Commercial - multiplane technique)
- **Director**
 - Shiller, Bahman Group (TV Commercial)
- *Motion Graphics*
 - Created over **300 motion graphics** using comic motion, 2D cut out, collage motion, and infographics for clients, including:
 - FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 (TV Program)
 - Organization for Investment, Economic, & Technical Assistance of Iran (OIETAI)
 - Banks, insurance companies, film & theater festivals, and events for National TV
 - Iranian Mining Industries of Development & Renovation Organization (IMIDRO)
 - Created **logo motions and infographics** for:
 - FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 (TV Program)
 - Industrial Development and Renovation Organization of Iran (IAIC)
- *Character, Storyboard, Concept Design*
 - **Mascot Designer**
 - Iranian football teams
 - ISACO
 - Pars Home Appliances
 - **Storyboard Designer**
 - Raja Rail Transportation Co.
 - Shiller (Bahman Group)
 - Parsian, Dey, and Melli Banks

Yoyo Game Studio Art RFP

Character Designer

Feb. 2022

Tehran, Iran

- Designed an Italian chef character for the Restaurant Matches mobile game.

Enigma Investing

Director, Senior Motion Designer, Graphic Designer

Feb. 2021 – Mar. 2021

Tehran, Iran

- Created a motion graphic about fundamental analysis.

Google

Director, Animator, Designer

2020

Remote, (USA)

- Created episodes of the Brainiac animation series on YouTube:
 - “How Much Torture Can a Human Body Handle?”
 - “This Is the First Luxury Hotel in Outer Space”
 - “Secrets of the Secret Service”

The Things

Director, Animator, Character and Background Designer

2020

Remote, (USA)

- Created the episode “How These Classic Disney Princesses Should Have Looked” for *The Things* animation series

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

2dpen Animation

Director, Animator, Character and Background Designer

2010 – Present

Tehran, Iran

- *Short Animation*
 - **Director, Animator, Character & Background Designer**
 - *Del Ashob*
 - *99*
 - *BUG*
 - *Bisotun*
 - *Parchin*
 - *Bozmation*
 - **Character Designer**
 - *Signal*
- *Short Web Series Animation*
 - **Director, Animator, Character & Background Designer**
 - *Goleidon*
- *Short Films*
 - **Director & Storyboard Designer**
 - *Enad*
 - *Najva*
 - *The Sound of Silence*
- *Motion graphics*
 - **Animator, Designer**
 - Soottv Instagram channel (sports news)

AWARDS AND FESTIVALS

BUG Short Animation

Winner

- **Best Animated Film**, 41st Tehran Short Film Festival 2024 (Oscar qualifying)
- **Best Animation, Best Production Design Awards**, Runner up: **Bmore Horror Award**, 7th Bmore Horror Fest 2025, Baltimore, MD, USA
- **Best Director, Best Comicon Awards**, Sanita Film Festival 2025, Italy
- **Best Student Film**, ANIMUR Animation Festival 2024, Russia
- **Audience Award**, Short Focus Film Festival 2025, UK
- **Best Stop Motion**, Touchstone Independent Film Festival 2025, USA
- **Best in Animating**, PUYAN Student Film Festival 2024, Iran

Finalist

- World University Animation Awards (WUAA) 2025, Hong Kong
- Abertoir Horror Festival 2025, UK
- Frame FirstCut 2025, India
- New York Animation Festival 2024, USA
- Carrara Film Award 2025, Germany

Semi-Finalist

- 12th FOLCS International Short Competition 2025, USA

Nominated

- 8th GaztefilmFest 2025, Spain

Official Selection

- **51st Student Academy Awards 2024, USA**
- 29th Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival, USA (**Oscar, BAFTA, Canadian Screen Awards qualifying**)
- 27th New York International Children's Film Festival 2025, USA (**Oscar qualifying**)
- 24th Dokufest 2025, Kosovo (**BAFTA qualifying**)
- 9th Turku Animated Film Festival 2024, Finland
- 30th LISTAPAD Festival 2024, Belarus
- 52nd Ińskie Lato Filmowe 2025, Poland
- 23rd Ivy Film Festival 2025, USA
- 17th Piccolo Film Festival 2024, Italy
- 17th ReA Festival 2025, Armenia
- 9th Chaniartoon International Comic & Animation Festival 2025, Greece
- 16th International Animation Film Festival (IAFF) Golden Kuker 2025, Bulgaria
- VGIK International Film Festival 2024, Russia
- Tbilisi International Animation Festival 2025, Georgia
- 6th Othismos Film Festival 2025, Italy
- 10th Parkflimmern 2025, Germany
- 13th Tehran International Animation Festival 2024, Iran
- Monsters Fantastic Film Festival 2024, Italy
- 6th TrikFilm 2025, Czech Republic
- Festival Internacional de Cine Infantil y Juvenil 2025, Colombia
- Bastau International Film Festival 2024, Kazakhstan
- International 2 Sides Short Film Festival 2026, Turkey
- +23 More

Bisotun Short Animation

Winner

- Persia Educational Film Festival 2023, UK

Official Selection

- New York Kurdish Film Festival 2024, USA
- 13th Tehran International Animation Festival 2024, Iran
- 39th Tehran International Short Film Festival 2022, Iran
- Animex Screen Student Films in Competition 2023, UK

Nominated

- Persia Educational Film Festival 2023, UK
- Student World Impact Film Festival SWIFF 2023, USA
- Bornova Short Film Days 2022, Turkey
- Voronezh International Animation Festival 2023
- Arctic International Film Festival "Golden Raven" 2023, Russia
- Return Film Festival 2022, Germany

Parchin Short Animation

Winner

- Only the Best Awards 2021, USA

Finalist

- Short Cut Festival 2022, Serbia

Quarter Finalist

- 2023 Student World Impact Film Festival

Official selection

- Iranian International Film Festival 2022, USA
- CARIBETOONS Festival Internacional de Animación 2023, Colombia
- Konyaaltı International Short Film Festival 2023, Turkey