

Résumé

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Education

2025 to Present

National University of Singapore

(Singapore)

Master of Arts_Arts and Cultural Entrepreneurship

2019 to 2023

Rhode Island School of Design

(United States)

Bachelor of Fine Arts_Graphic Design

Degree Conferred with Honors

2020 Fall Honor Student

2021 Spring and Fall Honor Student

2022 Spring and Fall Honor Student

2016 to 2019

United World College of South East Asia

(Singapore)

International Baccalaureate

Bilingual Diploma

Skills

Adobe Photoshop * Illustrator * InDesign *

After Effects * Lightroom * Premiere Pro *

Glyphs * Figma * Microsoft Office *

HTML * CSS * JavaScript * Processing * p5.js *

Rhino * Blender * Projection Mapping *

Sibelius * ...

Language

Chinese: Mother Tongue / Bilingual

English: Proficient / Bilingual

Japanese: Learning

Major Creative Practices

Summer 2020* Designed exhibition identities and produced two installations for a public art exhibition in Chengdu, China.

Summer 2022 to Spring 2023* Teaching Assistant, RISD: Design Foundation & Digital Photography Studio (Pre-College); Typography 3 and Design Studio 4 (Graphic Design, Junior/Senior).

Fall 2022* Developed a visual package (posters + visual installation) for a RISD Photography MFA thesis exhibition.

Fall 2023 to Present* Founded o,uiui studio in New York. Provide creative direction and production for musicians, institutions, and brands; classical collaborators include Serena Wang and Haochen Zhang, among others.

Summer 2024* Intern at Jinsha Site Museum (a National Archaeological Site Park), Chengdu, China.

Fall 2024* Intern at National Art Museum of China (NAMOC), Beijing; participated in curatorial design and museum signage system redesign.

Spring 2025 to Present* Founder / Executive Producer / Creative Director / Researcher of D.I.A.H. (Design, Inclusion, Art, Healing), a long-term project in collaboration with Special Education School in Chengdu (pilot sessions began in 2018), developing arts education models and arts-based therapeutic interventions for Deaf and hard-of-hearing adolescents.

Summer 2025 to Present* Founder / Creative Director / Chief Operator of 莓名堂 ® Confiserie Anonym, a dessert brand based in Chengdu, China.

Fall 2025 to Present* Collection Archivist for Singaporean art collector Jackson See.

Experiences

Academic

Major Research

Since 2021, I have worked closely with Dr. Elena Varshavskaya and Dr. Paola Dematté on research in Japanese and Chinese art history and archaeology. With the late Dr. Varshavskaya in particular, I developed two focused studies:

Space and Stage in Utagawa Kunisada Ukiyo-e Prints (2022)

"Nothingness" in Wabi-Sabi Philosophy in Dialogue with Entropy Theory (2023)

The second study became the foundation of my Final Degree Project Research, advised by Anastasiia Raina, and carried forward in the spirit and legacy of Dr. Varshavskaya. This project explored wabi-sabi and kintsugi through practice-based experiments, sound visualization, chance operations, machine-making, and film.

The research culminated in a live happening on CHANCE: Transient Details (May 26, 2023), which I conceived, led, and performed with invited guests, an offering of tribute to Elena, and a brief, luminous conclusion to that chapter.