

YI SHI

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Multidisciplinary Artist | Tattoo Artist | Filmmaker

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EDUCATION

- 2025 Documentary Media
MFA with Distinction, **Toronto Metropolitan University**, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Studio Art and New Media Studies
BA Honours with High Distinction, **University of Toronto**, Toronto, ON
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CERTIFICATES

Trauma- and Violence-Informed Care (TVIC) Foundations, **EQUIP UBC**
Bloodborne Pathogens Certificate, **Canada Red Cross**, up to date

SCREENINGS AND TALKS

- Take Care, Till Springtime*
- 2025 **Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival**, Toronto
- Once in a Red Moon*
- 2024 **Toronto Queer Film Festival**, Toronto
- 2023 **Inside Out Ottawa 2SLGBTQ+ Film Festival**, Ottawa
- 2023 **Minikino Film Week: Bali International Short Film Festival**, Bali, Indonesia
- 2023 **Shorts in Conversation with Reel Asian**, Toronto
- 2023 **Inside Out Toronto 2SLGBTQ+ Film Festival**, Toronto
- 2023 **FascinAsian Film Festival**, Winnipeg/Calgary
- 2022 **Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival**, Toronto
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MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

[see <https://vimeo.com/postyism>]

- 2026 **Remembrance of Night Whispers** 夜遊記 (dir. Eyan Weiss, experimental docu short, in progress)
Editor, Graphic Designer, Colourist
- 2026 **LeLaLes: Fluid Love** (dir. Ashley Jiang, reality tv series, in progress)
BTS Director, Set Decorator and Signage Artist
- 2026 **Rooms of Her Own** 花落知多少 (documentary short)
Director, Producer, Writer, Cinematographer, Sound Recordist, Editor
- 2025 **Take Care, Till Springtime** (documentary short)
Director, Producer, Co-Writer, Cinematographer, Sound Recordist, Editor
- 2025 **Trying to Explain Myself** (dir. Ajay Rakhraj, documentary feature)
Cinematographer
- 2025 **Same Time Next Year?** (dir. Anushay Sheikh, narrative short)
Art Assistant
- 2024 **i used to dream of becoming a tree** (experimental docu short)
One-person production
- 2022 **Once in a Red Moon** (narrative short)

- Director, Producer, Writer, Editor
- 2017 **I'll Make You a Man** (installation, experimental data visualization)
One-person production
- 2017 **PHASES** (installation, experimental data visualization)
One-person production
- 2016 **call_mom_** (3d animation, experimental data visualization)
One-person production
- 2014 **A Space Boy Dream** (animated short)
One-person production
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020– Tattoo Artist, self-employed, **Sharpest Tool Studio**, Toronto
- 2021– Event Photographer, **InsideOut Film Festival/PrideTO/Chinatown Land Trust/etc**, Toronto, ON
- 2021– Community Volunteer, **Friends of Chinatown**, Toronto
- 2025 Event Planning Director and Volunteer Coordinator, **DocNow Festival**, Toronto
- 2023–2024 Co-Producer, **New Ho Queen Collective**, Toronto
- 2024 Graduate Assistant, **Toronto Metropolitan University**, Toronto
- 2021 Artist Educator, **DAREarts**, Vancouver, BC
- 2016–2019 Tattoo Artist, subcontracted, **Golden Iron Tattoo Studio**, Toronto
- 2014–2019 Music Photographer, **various media outlets**, Toronto, ON / Shanghai, China
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EVENT PRODUCTIONS

- with *New Ho Queen Collective*
- 2024 *Room 888*, **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**, Toronto
- 2024 *Asian Pride*, Wellesley Stage, **Pride Toronto**, Toronto
- 2024 *New Ho Queen: Live*, **TD Music Hall**, Toronto
- 2024 *Jade(d) Love*, **Royal Ontario Museum**, Toronto
- 2024 *Midnight Dragon*, **Axis club**, Toronto
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LIVE PERFORMANCES

- 2021 *Painted Face: a Virtual Drag Performance*, New Ho Queen Presents: NHTV, **Pride Toronto**, Toronto
- 2020 *Winter Bloom: ILL NANA Right to Dance Intensive Showcase*, **Buddies in Bad Times Theatre**, Toronto
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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Interconnection*, **Artspace TMU**, Toronto
- 2017 *Senior Student Exhibition*, **Gallery 1265**, UTSC, Toronto
- 2017 *Graduation Show: Supermarket*, **Artscape Youngplace**, Toronto
- 2016 *When Thoughts Become Things*, **Gallery 1265**, UTSC, Toronto
- 2015 *Shelley Peterson Student Art Exhibition*, **University of Toronto Art Centre**, Toronto
- 2015 *Momentum & Tension*, **Gallery 1265**, UTSC, Toronto
- 2014 *Identity*, **Gallery 1265**, UTSC, Toronto
- 2014 *ARTSIDEOUT*, **UTSC**, Toronto
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AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 Documentary Media for Social Justice Award, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto
 - 2024 Graduate Development Award, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto
 - 2024 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ontario
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 - 2023 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ontario
 - 2017 Dean's List, University of Toronto, Toronto
 - 2016 Dean's List, University of Toronto, Toronto
 - 2015 Dean's List, University of Toronto, Toronto
 - 2015 Neil Hoogstraten Scholarship in Studio, University of Toronto, Toronto
 - 2014 Neil Hoogstraten Scholarship in Studio, University of Toronto, Toronto
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MEDIA AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2023 Toronto Life Magazine:
<https://torontolife.com/deep-dives/888-dupont-art-squat/>
- 2023 Toronto Tomorrow #InsideOut2023:
<https://globalnews.ca/national/program/toronto-tomorrow>
<https://cms.megaphone.fm/channel/CORU4721105310?selected=CORU8607412758>
- 2023 Shoutout Atlanta:
<https://shoutoutatlanta.com/meet-yi-shi-multidisciplinary-artist-tattooer-filmmaker/>
- 2022 Reel Asian Unsung Voices:
<https://www.reelasian.com/2022-uv-cohort/>
<https://www.reelasian.com/archive-events/unsung-voices-11/>
- 2022 OmniTV Interview:
<https://www.omnitv.ca/video/reel-asian展映青年导演处女作/>
- 2022 Asian Film Festivals:
<https://asianfilmfestivals.com/2022/11/10/short-films-you-shouldnt-miss-toronto-reel-asian-international-film-festival-2022/>
- 2022 *OUCH! Magazine Issue 8: Plants*, New York City, NY
- 2021 *OUCH! Magazine Issue 7: Machine(s)*, New York City, NY
- 2021 *Loves Me / Loves Me Not Zine: Vol. V*, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 Myseum: The Quarantine Qapsule:
<https://www.myseumoftoronto.com/programming/qq-lifestyle-and-family/yi-shi/>
- 2017 Evans, Emily. *The Anatomical Tattoo*. London, Lotus Publishing.