

EDUCATION

"I.L. Caragiale" National University of Theatre and Film 2025 ↗ present
Bachelor's in Film and TV Directing

"Saint Sava" National College 2021 ↗ 2025
Humanities profile, philology specialization

FILMOGRAPHY

Prayer for Ana (early development) Director, Screenwriter, Animator 2025 ↗ Present

- **Best Pitch Award at YOUKI! International Youth Media Festival**, won a three week residency at the Medien Kultur Haus in Wels, Austria
- **Talent Camp Swiss Youth Film Festival**, won a week residency in Zürich
- **Best Pitch Prize at ABIFF**, 1000 euro grant

From: Nora (2024, 19') Director, Producer, Screenwriter, Animator, Editor 2023 ↗ 2024

- Experimental narrative film, combining **live-action with mixed media animation**
- **Coordinated a team of 15 people from different departments over the course of a year**



Selections:

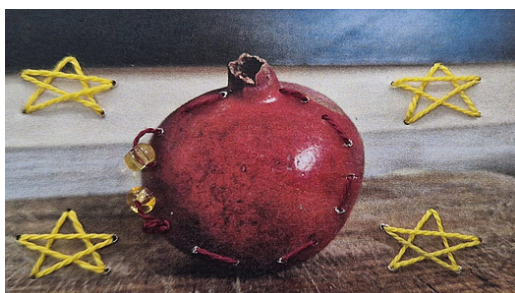
International Teen Film Festival, Shanghai
YOUKI! International Youth Media Festival, Wels (AUT)
The Swiss Youth Film Festival, Zürich
KOSO Film Fest, Berlin
Tianjin International Academic Film Fest (CHN)
Sick Chick's Film Festival (USA)
Balkans Beyond Borders Film Fest, Istanbul
Ginkgo Youth Film Festival, Beijing
Directed by Women International Film Fest, Istanbul

Awards: Best Editing & Organizing Committee's Director Award (ITFF Shanghai)

Nominations: Best Director (TIAFF) & Best Director (Directed by Women Istanbul)

Self-portrait II (2024, 1'30'') Director, Animator, Screenwriter

- Experimental mixed media animation (cutout, embroidery and stop-motion)



Selections:

Paris International Animation Film Festival | Animest (RO)
VAFI&RAFI IFF (HR) | 24FRAMES Future Film Fest Bologna
First Cut Youth Film Festival Cork (IE) | Koolifilm Fest Tallinn (EE)
REX Animation Stockholm (SE) | Experiments in Cinema Youth (US)
REELpoetry (US) | Gawler Women's IFF (AU) | Platforma BD (RO)
Festival Animanie (CZ) | TRKFilm (CZ) | Animator FEST (RS)
Northern Festival of Illustration (EN) | Young Hearts Film Festival (PL)
Mill Valley Film Festival California | Avenues Film Festival New York

Awards: Best Animation VAFI&RAFI IFF (HR)

Nominations: Best Film REELpoetry (US) & Best Film Young Hearts Film Festival (PL)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Junior Programme Curator 2025 ↗ present

at The Animation Incubator of Animest AIFF, the biggest platform for artistic education dedicated to teenagers from Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

Responsibilities:

- **Research**
Currently working on a research paper regarding diversity, accessibility and inclusion in media education.
- **Cineclub moderating**
Hosting monthly animation screenings
- **Youth workshop coordinator**
Teen Jury & Animate the Festival! workshops dedicated to teenagers at Animest
- **Film Programming**
Curation of the cine club programme and the Fresh Frames teenager's block at Animest
- **Film Distribution**
Distribution of The Animation Incubator productions to international festivals.

Internship at The Animation Incubator of Animest AIFF 2023 ↗ 2025

- Founded and coordinated The Animation Cine Club
- Started working on a sociological case study about diversity and inclusion

Film market participation

Le Marché du Film - Cannes Film Festival - 3 days in Cannes accreditation May 2025

The European Film Market (EFM) - Berlinale - accreditation via ITFF Shanghai February 2025

Creative Director 2025 ↗ present

at Alacrity Education NGO, a space dedicated to young people in STEAM

Responsibilities:

- Facilitating art related workshops
- Consulting the STEM team
- Curating cultural events

Freelance photographer 2023 ↗ present

Event photography at Agora Centre for Democracy
Casting and portfolio pictures for actors and models

JURIES

Student Jury, Paris International Animation Film Festival January 2025

Teen Jury, Animest Bucharest International Animation Film Festival October 2023

High School, Jury One World Romania Documentary Film Festival April 2023

WORKS IN EXHIBITIONS AND MAGAZINES

Cuib Zine no. 2, collage and poetry August 2025

Tuș Zine no. 6, collage June 2025

VAGon Gallery at Malmaison, collage October 2023

Rebels With A Cause at Learnity, mixed media July 2022

FILM WORKSHOPS

Animation & Pitching Workshops at YOUKI! International Media Festival November 2025

Visual Anthropology Workshop at Balkans Beyond International Short Film Festival November 2025

Let's Go Digital at Transylvania International Film Festival June 2024

Experimental Film Workshop at Open Practice Society Labs Malmaison October 2023

Documentary workshop at SUPER Film Festival August 2022

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

ENGLISH C2 | CZECH B1 | SPANISH A2 | GERMAN A2

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