



**Eliza Ivanova**

**Animator | Pixar**



## Bio

Eliza Ivanova is an animator at Pixar Animation Studios, San Francisco, California. So far she has worked on three feature films at Pixar - Cars 2, Brave, and Monsters University, which premieres in the summer of 2013.

Eliza started her professional career at Pixar back in 2010 after graduating from the California Institute of the Arts (Calarts) with a BFA degree in traditional character animation. At Calarts, she won the highest award for best short film during her third year of college. Eliza moved to the US in 2006 to pursue her education and career in animation, as well as film, in Los Angeles, California. In Bulgaria, she graduated from the American College of Sofia, and in the meantime she took private art lessons in the studio of Garo Muradyan, with whom she had been learning and practicing fine art since the age of 12.

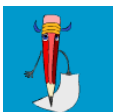
Eliza has long background in fine arts and aims to blend her painting skills with motion picture. While at Calarts, she completed four student animated short films, all of which were selected in film festivals in the US and around the world. For a full list of awards, honors, and festival participation, please refer to Eliza's resume.

For more information and personal artwork, please visit [www.elizaivanova.com](http://www.elizaivanova.com).



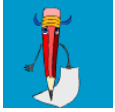
## Education

- California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California
- BFA in Character Animation, class of 2010
- The American College of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria, class of 2006



## Filmography

- The Real McCoy, 2010 (animated short, 3:00 min, Calarts)
- Piece of Cake, 2009 (animated short, 3:16 min, Calarts)
- Hard Lines, 2008 (animated short, 3:18 min, Calarts)
- What the Hell, 2007 (animated short, 1:30 min, Calarts)



## Experience

- Pixar Animation Studios, animator, 2010-today: Cars 2 (2011), Brave (2012), Monsters University (2013), promotional clips for the films, commercials for Disney theme parks.
- Pixar Animation Studios, animation residency, summer of 2010
- Pixar Animation Studios, animation internship, summer of 2009
- Arcana Studio, Canada
- Colorist 07/ 2005 - 04/ 2007
- Coloring work for a comic book named Copperhead with author Kenneth Loh and publisher Arcana Studio Inc., Canada.
  
- Mahlon Williams & Inebriated Rhythm
- Colorist 04/ 2006 - 03/ 2007
- Coloring work for The Saturday Nite Agenda: A Futuristic 70's Tale by Mahlon Williams and Inebriated Rhythm
  
- 10-second animated commercial for Geotrade (Bulgaria) and Garmin, December 2007
  
- 10-second stop motion commercial for Geotrade (Bulgaria) and Garmin, December 2007
- From storyboarding and animating to the compositing and effects in After Effects and Premier; the ad is available for viewing at [www.elizaivanova.com](http://www.elizaivanova.com)
- Alfabephobia, a Calarts interdisciplinary project between Whitney E George (music composition) and Eliza Ivanova (animation and visual development) under the mentoring of Leo Hobaica, 2007-2008
  
- CSSSA InnerSpark, Valencia, CA, 2006



## Awards & Honors

- Ambassador for *I Can Too* in Bulgaria, 2012-2013 – [icantoo.eu](http://icantoo.eu)
- *The Real McCoy* was in the selection of the regional finalists in the annual Student Oscars, 2011
- *Piece of Cake* was in the selection of the national finalists in the annual Student Oscars, 2010
- Walter and Gracie Lantz Award for best film in the 2008 Producer Show, Calarts for

- the animated short *Piece of Cake*
- Second year film *Hard Lines* chosen for the 2008 Calarts Character Animation Producers' Show
  - First year film *What the Hell* chosen for the 2007 Calarts Character Animation Producers' Show
  - CG Choice Award Winner, [www.CGTalk.com](http://www.CGTalk.com), Creative Computer Graphics Forum, March, 2005, Leonard Teo, Managing Director, Ballistic Media, Adelaide, Australia
  - Third Class Honor Certificate, International Drawing Competition "Rice Is Life", March 2005, Hong Kong.
  - Third Class Honor Certificate of International Competition, 2002 International Year of Eco tourism and Mountain's Art and Design Competition, 8-3-2003, Chairman Po Leung Kuk



## Film Festivals

- Annecy Film Festival, France, 2012
  - NY International Children's Film Festival, 2012
  - Student Shorts Film Festival 08, Toronto, Canada
  - San Diego Women's Film Festival 08, San Diego, USA
  - Contravision Film Festival 08, Germany
  - Rome Film Festival 08– Extra Section, Rome, Italy
  - Youtube Calarts/Film & Video channel, 2008
  - FIA 08 – International Animation Festival, 2008, Uruguay
  - Melbourne International Animation Festival 22-28 June 2009, Australia
  - 12th Fine Cut, KCET's Festival of Student Film, 2009, California, USA
  - FIA 09 – International Animation Festival, 2009, Uruguay
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- \*some film festivals and screenings were not included in this list



## Exhibitions

- One-man show in the National Art Gallery in Bulgaria, 2001
- Character Animation Show, Calarts, 2006
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