

2. Animated Shapes

Using only shape layers, the shape tool and perhaps a handful of other plain, formal elements, please make a short animation set to music. Pick a piece of (preferably) instrumental music. Make what you consider to be a “Motion Graphic” with the skills we’ve learned so far in After Effects that shows us what the music “looks like” with your formal and motion choices. Please use just formal elements (minor bitmaps or jpgs are okay, but not as backgrounds or main elements). Consider pacing, rhythm, and how formal decisions relate to temporal ones. Make sure your animation has an intentional beginning, middle, and end.

Requirements

1. Size of 640 x 360 px OR 1280 x 720px for HD
2. Use shapes and graphic forms only.
3. You can use shape layers, masks, and solids, but are only allowed to play with the shape and arrow tools.
4. No shorter than 15 sec.
5. No longer than 1 min.
6. Use a soundtrack. I can provide instrumental tracks if you don't have something of your own you want to work with.
7. For viewing, post your work to Vimeo.com OR bring a .mov or .mp4 file to class

This assignment will run for 3 weeks.

We'll look at people's completed animations on:

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