

CAO XINRAN

DIGITAL MEDIA ARTIST / CREATIVE PRACTITIONER



PROFILE

Cao Xinran works across video, installation, and performance. Her practice focuses on everyday life, memory, and suspended time, using repetition and restrained gestures to explore disappearance, return, and fragile presence within ongoing processes.

EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS

2025

- *The Squad Who Guard the Flag*, Heim Video Festival (Iceland–Xiamen), Pearl Bay Garden, Xiamen, China
- *River, Train, Flame*, Video Poster, European Design Award, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2024

- *The Squad Who Guard the Flag*, Media Mosaic, ICI Open Museum, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
- *To Perceive Thus*, Media Mosaic, ICI Open Museum, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
- *NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN*, Group Project, ICI Open Museum, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

2023

- *Tracing Memories*, Small File Media Festival 2023, Vancouver, Canada
- *Artist's Birthday Video*, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre (Xiamen), Xiamen, China
- *BLACK TREE BRIDGE*, Chinese European Art Center (CEAC), Xiamen, China

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EDUCATION

MA

Sichuan University
Major: Art Studies
Chengdu 2026 - 2029

BA

Xiamen University
Major: Digital Media Art
Xiamen 2022-2026

SKILLS

Media & Art Practice

Video Art
Performance Art
Visual Storytelling

Software & Tools

Adobe Creative Suite
Blender
TouchDesigner (basic)

Research & Writing

Artistic Research
Curatorial Writing

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CURATORIAL PROJECTS

ICI Open Museum – Young Curators Program

Exhibition Curator

- What's in the Park? _Screen (2024)
- Live Only _Right Here (2024)

Chinese European Art Center (CEAC)

Exhibition Assistant

- Rolling Snowball 17 – Under Construction (2024)
Coordination, exhibition setup, on-site implementation
- Rolling Snowball 18 – The Folds of Everydayness (2025)
Coordination, exhibition setup, on-site implementation,
Moderated the exhibition opening event

INTERNSHIP & PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Chinese European Art Center (CEAC), Xiamen

Exhibition Assistant

- Supported exhibition installation, communication, and on-site operations
- Worked closely with curators, artists, and technical teams

Tianxing Village Digital Nomad Community, Chengdu

New Media Operations Intern

- Produced photography, edited visual materials for online platforms
- Wrote captions and editorial texts to support community storytelling and public communication

AWARDS

National Scholarship China

2023, 2024, 2025

Outstanding Student Award,
Xiamen University

2023, 2024, 2025

Future Designer (NCDA) Com-
petition, Second Prize

2025

8th Milan Design Week_China
University Design Exhibition,
Second Prize

2024

18th China Creative Design
Competition, Third Prize

2024

5th Oriental Creative Star
Competition, Bronze Prize

2024