

BRYAN LEE

Born 1997 in Los Angeles, California, Bryan Lee is a Taiwanese-American artist whose art practice includes animation, directing, drawing, and painting. Lee's work seeks to capture the idiosyncrasies of life through bizarre narratives, often delving into the surreal and sprinkled with large doses of humor. His works explore the in-between moments of life that are easily overlooked, balancing the tension between sheer absurdity and an internal scream for meaning. Lee seeks to leave viewers feeling punched in the face (lovingly) with raw emotion and passion. As aggressive as some of his works may appear, there is an underlying heartbeat of tenderness and longing that seeks to hold all under a universal embrace.

Lee currently resides and works in Los Angeles, California.

EDUCATION

2019 BFA, USC Animation + Digital Arts, Los Angeles, CA

FILM SCREENINGS

2021 *CAGE MATCH* - Kaboom Animation Festival, Amsterdam, Netherlands
2021 *CAGE MATCH* - Animatricks, Helsinki, Finland
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Portland Film Festival, Portland, OR
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - London International Animation Festival, London, England
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - GIRAF International Festival of Independent Animation, Calgary, Canada
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Cardiff Animation Nights, Cardiff Wales
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - San Diego Underground Film Festival, San Diego, CA
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Ottawa International Animation Festival, Ottawa, Canada
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Lausanne Underground Film Festival, Lausanne, Switzerland
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - New Chitose Airport International Animation Festival, Hokkaido, Japan
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Taichung International Animation Festival, Taichung, Taiwan
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Kuandu International Animation Festival, Taipei, Taiwan
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Fantoche, Baden, Switzerland
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Supertoons, Sibenik, Croatia
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Fluxus Animation Film Festival, Zaandam, Netherlands
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, Mammoth Lakes, CA
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Maryland Film Festival, Baltimore, MD
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Animafest Zagreb, Zagreb Croatia
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Anifilm, Liberec, Czech Republic
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - GLAS, Berkeley, CA
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Animac, Lleida, Spain
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Toronto Animation Arts Festival International, Toronto, Canada
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Silk Road International Film Festival, Dublin, Ireland
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Los Angeles Animation Festival, Los Angeles, CA
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Animateka, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Animation Marathon, Athens, Greece
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Primanima, Budaörs, Hungary
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - PÖFF Shorts, Tallinn, Estonia
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Animation Chico, Chico, CA
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - YOUKI International Youth Media Festival, Wels, Austria
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - New Filmmakers NY, New York, NY
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Indie Short Fest, Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Best Sound, Fantoche
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - US Competition Winner, GLAS
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Honorable Mention, Mammoth Lakes Film Festival
2020 *CAGE MATCH* - Best Student Animation, Silk Road International Film Festival
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Winner Student Experimental Short, Los Angeles Animation Festival
2019 *CAGE MATCH* - Best Student Film, Animation Chico

PUBLICATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND PRESS

2022 [The delicious, the silly, and the strange...](#) by Elfie Thomas, It's Nice That
2021 [Monday Shorts: Cage Match](#) by Quickdraw Animation Society
2020 [Short Pick of the Day: Cage Match](#) by Amid Amidi, Cartoon Brew

NOTABLE PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

2022 *A STUDIO DIGITAL SHORTS* - Short Form Video Content, Bento Box Entertainment
2019 *I DON'T KNOW ME LIKE YOU DO* - Low Hum Music Video, Last Gang Records
2019 *STRANGE LOVE* - Low Hum Music Video, Last Gang Records