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Elizabeth Armstrong

Elizabeth is a journalist, storyteller and multidisciplinary creative, entering her fourth year of TMU's Bachelor of Journalism program. A self-proclaimed theatre aficionado, she is also a musician and aspiring

theatre creator. Originally from Halifax, she travelled frequently as a flight attendant for three years and developed a deep connection with New York City, where she longs to collaborate with fellow creatives.



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Maham Ansari

Maham Ansari is a Media Production student in the RTA program at Toronto Metropolitan University with experience in live production and short film creation. Passionate about live events, film, and television, she enjoys combining technical skills with creative storytelling.

As an aspiring media professional, Maham hopes to help close the gap in South Asian representation within the entertainment industry by contributing to more authentic, inclusive, and diverse stories both on-screen and behind the scenes.



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Marian Barnaby

Marian is an interdisciplinary creative working across fashion, textiles, styling, and visual direction. She implements elements of circular design blending biomaterials, with fur and also use of crochet and up-

cycling. Not only does she create garments but she also aims to create visual experiences with her work in curation and art direction, immersing viewers into a whole new world.



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Aria Bianco

Aria Bianco is going into her second year as a Fashion student at Toronto Metropolitan University. She is the founder of Nidolio Inc., a jewelry and perfume brand where she explores the intersection of design, scent, and fashion. She recently launched

Casa Aroma, an interactive perfume bar concept focused on custom scent blending and experiential retail. Her interests include branding, creative direction, fashion communication, and consumer experience.



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Piper Boon

I am an aspiring communications professional with a background in film and music. I am exploring how best to apply my skills and knowledge to an evolving creative and economic landscape through my studies,

personal projects, and experiences with media in day-to-day life.

In my professional future, I am interested in careers in the arts, culture and entertainment industries.



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Sophia Caloiero

Hi! My name is Sophia Caloiero, and I am a Creative Industries student specializing in film studies, live events, and marketing. I am enthusiastic and passionate about creativity, storytelling, and taking on new opportunities that help me grow

both personally and professionally. I look forward to gaining inspirational insights from every experience I embark on! I am especially excited about every opportunity that awaits me in New York City!



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Catherine Cho

Catherine Cho is a Fashion student at Toronto Metropolitan University with a background in Interior Design. Interested in fashion communication, storytelling, and cultural narratives, her work explores identity, individuality, and the relationship between fashion and self-expression.

Inspired by designers such as Vivienne Westwood and the visual storytelling of Ai Yazawa, she approaches design through both creative and analytical perspectives while drawing influence from diverse cultural experiences and interdisciplinary practices.



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Chelsea Collins

Chelsea Collins is a musician, vfx artist, producer, audio engineer and event organizer from Toronto. She is working on writing and producing her debut album. It is a concept album about things in her life leading up to this point, and

the world around her. Using novel recording concepts like ambisonics, she is bringing the listeners into her POV. She is also working on creating a system to translate dj mixes into visuals in real time.



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Miriam De La Cruz

My name is Miriam De La Cruz and I am in the Image Arts: Film Studies program. As I reach my final year of university I hope to continue to pursue a career as a film director in the future. My interests outside

of film are photography, reading, painting, music (playing the bass guitar) and crocheting. I ultimately love creating in my spare time and learning about new things that will inspire me to create.



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Olivia de Wit

I'm a Communications student at Toronto Metropolitan University with a passion for social media, beauty, fashion, and digital storytelling. Through content creation and brand collaborations, I aim to build meaningful connections and create

engaging campaigns that resonate with audiences. I'm excited to explore global creative industries, expand my network, and learn from innovative professionals shaping the future of media, marketing, and design.



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Morgan Eastwood

Emerging filmmaker and production professional with hands-on experience in directing, cinematography, and narrative storytelling. Comfortable working in fast-paced production environments, supporting and leading projects from

pre-production through post while contributing to both creative and technical execution. Interested in hands-on production roles across film and media, with a focus on cinematography, on set collaboration, and creative development.



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Veronica Ferreira

Hiii, my name is Veronica Ferreira, I'm a twenty-one-year-old fashion student, born and raised in Toronto with an Italian/Portuguese background. From a young age, I've always been driven to make the most of all experiences. This led to all my

various passions, ranging from sports to the sciences and mainly art. For many years, and even more so now, my creative work has been directed to discover and develop a distinct brand for myself.



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Victoria Filice

My name is Victoria Filice. I am a first year performance production and design student at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). Using my background in the trades (welding, painting, and landscaping)

I am able to offer unique skills to the artistic community at TMU. I hope that by continuing my education with a growth mindset I can live up to my artistic potential.



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Sidney Foster

Sidney Foster is a third-year Media Production student passionate about filmmaking, broadcast, and live entertainment. He has gained experience across cinematography, live production, and control room workflow, including technical directing, camera, and replay.

Sidney co-produces and serves as DP for a live-to-tape local music series and enjoys collaborating with like-minded creatives to bring stories and live production to life. Outside production, he enjoys cooking, watching films, and spending time outdoors.



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Jacqueline Goce

Hi! I'm Jacqueline Goce, a soon-to-be RTA Media Production graduate passionate about authentic storytelling through film, photography, and creative production. With experience in freelance videography/photography and leadership roles in directing, DP'ing

and marketing, I thrive in collaborative and fast-paced creative environments. I'm driven by curiosity, culture, and connection, with aspirations of building a career in film, creative marketing and travelling visual storytelling.



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Abby Hales

I am a third-year creative industries student specializing in media business and storytelling in media. I am passionate about business and arts management, with interests in operations, marketing, HR, sales,

and events. I have experience managing a business's social media account and developing a strategic analysis plan for a women-owned small business.



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Aisha Hakim

Aisha is a music producer, alternative R&B singer/songwriter and a fourth year student in TMU's undergraduate program, Professional Music.

Starting music production at just 14, her passion for music and drive for

entrepreneurship lead her to the goal of pursuing a profession in studio recording. Hoping one day to start-up her own recording studio. Aisha also loves, networking, collaborating in groups and recording videos/vlogs.



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Sarah Hergel

Sarah is a Toronto-based creative and third-year Sport Media student at TMU with a passion for storytelling across every medium — from the sidelines to the stage.

Her interests span photography, sports coverage, theatre production, and radio broadcasting, and she's always

finding new ways to weave them together.

As a photographer for The Eyeopener, TMTC, and Girl Guides of Ontario, Sarah brings curiosity and creativity to every frame.



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Mary Ho

I'm a Content Creator for the Office of the Vice Provost, Students at Toronto Metropolitan University, where I'm refining my expertise in video editing and on-camera skills. Previously, I worked as a Media and Graphics Assistant at Student Life and

Learning Support, producing video and graphic content to promote university resources. Through these roles, I've developed a deep appreciation for marketing and advertising, and I'm excited to see how that world comes alive in NYC!



Maya Hopen

Working across documentary research, social media, and videography, Maya is interested in the relationship between storytelling, ethics, and business strategy. She has a strong interest in the evolving Canadian media landscape and its influence on

creative development and distribution. Maya's education spans media theory, production and policy. Her academic research is focused on how businesses intersect with entertainment and culture to create relevant and expressive marketing initiatives.



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Arian Juanico

Arian Juanico is an RTA Media Production student at TMU. I am a conscientious and diligent creative in photography and videography. Through Communications Technology, I entered my first year with eagerness to grow foundational skills. I love

live productions, including TV, concerts and sports events. As a Filipino-Canadian, I hope to create a community filled with hospitality, using my platform as a way to help and amplify the importance of embracing history, culture and identity.



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Amelia Mark

My name is Amelia, a third-year Creative Industries student specializing in Media Business and Events & Live Entertainment, while pursuing a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. I am passionate about creative direction and event planning, developing meaningful experiences

that connect people through art and design. I have an interest in fashion, design, and photography, which inspire my work and personal process. I aim to build a successful career for myself, eventually establishing my own creative practice.



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Zahra Nathoo

Zahra Nathoo is a Toronto-based photographer driven by a passion for commercial and editorial photography, with a particular interest in storytelling

through travel and lived experience. Through her images, she aims to merge visual narrative with refined aesthetics.



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Cassie Pacquin

Graphic Communications Management student specializing in UI/UX design, web design, and systems, both visually and functionally. Experienced in creating digital interfaces, branding assets, and frontend web

applications using Figma, HTML/CSS, and JavaScript. Passionate about combining visual communication, user psychology, and functional code design to create strong digital experiences.



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Avery Pain

Avery is a Media Production student at Toronto Metropolitan University with a growing focus on concert photography, short-form social media content and behind-the-scenes coverage. Her work aims to capture energy, emotion and atmosphere while telling authentic

stories through photo and video. In the future, Avery hopes to work in the music industry, collaborating directly with artists and managing creative social media content for musicians, venues and brands.



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Grace Pulo

Grace is a recent graduate of the Creative industries program at Toronto Metropolitan University, with a minor in music and culture studies. She is passionate about how music shapes

stories told in theatre and film and hopes to one day be a part of the process of creating impactful art and stories to life.

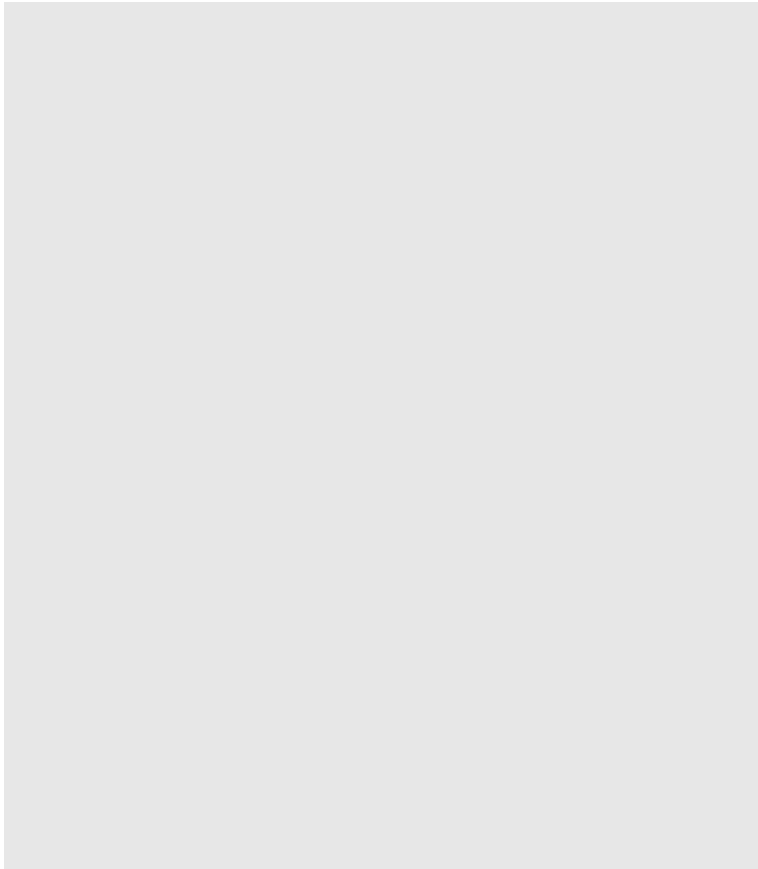


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Ana Queralta

Ana is a Toronto-based graphic designer and aspiring art director driven by a passion for storytelling through bold design and direction. Currently studying Graphic Communication Management at Toronto Metropolitan University and pursuing a minor in Design

Communication, Ana approaches design as a creative outlet to foster connection, challenge narratives, and communicate ideas visually. Blending creativity with a strong grasp of both digital and print media, Ana aims to craft designs that feel meaningful and intentional.



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Maryam Qutob

I'm a second year fashion student, specifically interested in the textiles and material practices. I also have a very strong passion for children's book illustration and storytelling and those are things that influence a lot of

my work. I'm also very passionate about natural fibres and natural dyes. I am a huge advocate for sustainable fashion practices and only work with natural or recycled materials in my projects.



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Raneem Rana

Hi, I'm Raneem. I'm a first-year Fashion Design student at TMU. My work primarily explores fashion through illustration, garment construction, photography, graphic design, and textiles. I'm mainly interested in how design concepts develop from sketches to garments,

and connecting visual ideas through a design process. Although fashion design is currently my main focus, I'm continuing to experiment with different creative mediums and explore potential pathways in both fashion design and business.



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Carson Richmond

I'm Carson, a fourth-year student in the Professional Music program at Toronto Metropolitan University, focused on building a career in the modern music industry. My interests include songwriting, music production, and understanding how artists develop and market their work across digital

and live spaces. I'm working toward becoming a well-rounded creator and industry professional, with goals of collaborating widely, expanding my network, and turning my passion for music into a sustainable, long-term career.

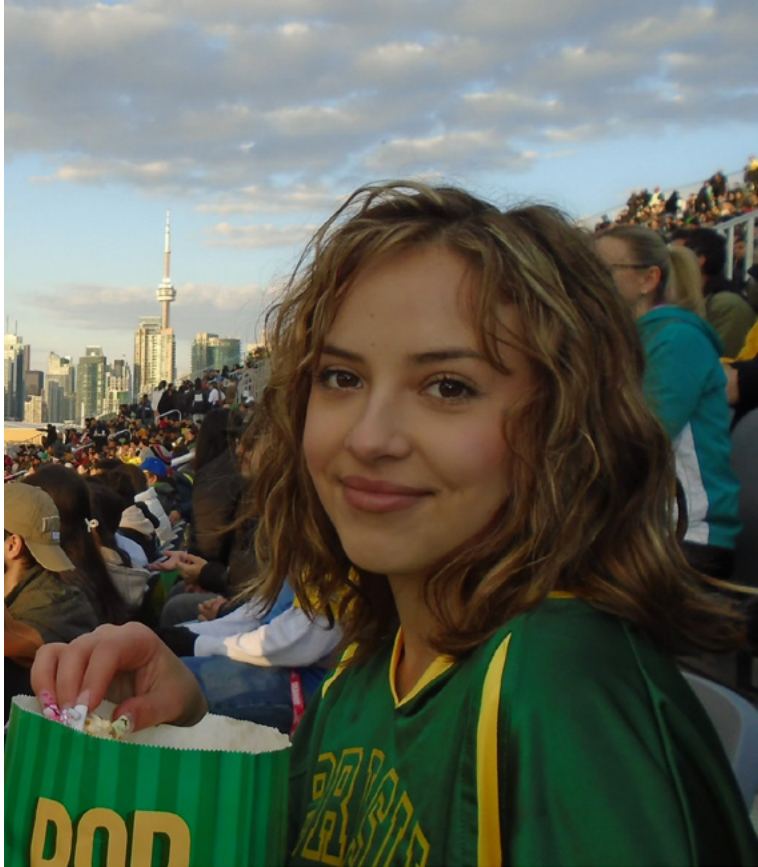


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Claire Retzer

Hi, I'm Claire Retzer. As a producer, singer-songwriter and Professional Music Student at TMU, I thrive at the intersection of music and business. I have a passion for artist development and marketing with a goal to uplift emerging Canadian talent. I actively

build my industry foundations both in the studio and on-site at events such as NXNE and Billboard Women in Music, gaining hands-on experience in talent operations, event marketing, and live production management.



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Amillia San Juan

I am someone who is passionate about creating whether that means taking photographs, drawing sketches, writing poems, or making music; I enjoy

expressing myself in as many ways as I can. I am friendly, ambitious, and kind, and I enjoy making new experiences every day.



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Nicaille Paula Sison

Nicaille Paula Sison is a Filipino-Canadian student photographer enrolled in the Image Arts: Photography Media Arts program. Her practice focuses on studio portraiture, food, and still-life photography, with an interest in the commercial industry. Influenced by her interest in design

and visual storytelling, she emphasizes dynamic lighting, vibrant colour, and well-structured compositions to strengthen the visual impact and intent of each image. Outside of photography, Nicaille continues her interest in film and performance art.



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Milin Syngle

Hello! My name is Milin Syngle, and I am currently in my third year of Media Production. I am passionate about film and television and hope to pursue a career in the industry. I also enjoy photography and have developed a strong interest in

audio-based media through both my coursework and extracurricular involvement. I am an enthusiastic learner and look forward to gaining insight from industry professionals during my visit to New York.



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Vaishnavy Suntharamoorthy

I am a Social Work student at Toronto Metropolitan University passionate about youth empowerment, meaningful connections, and creating positive community impact. Through volunteer

roles, employment opportunities, and leadership experiences, I have gained over four years of experience supporting and working with youth and diverse communities.

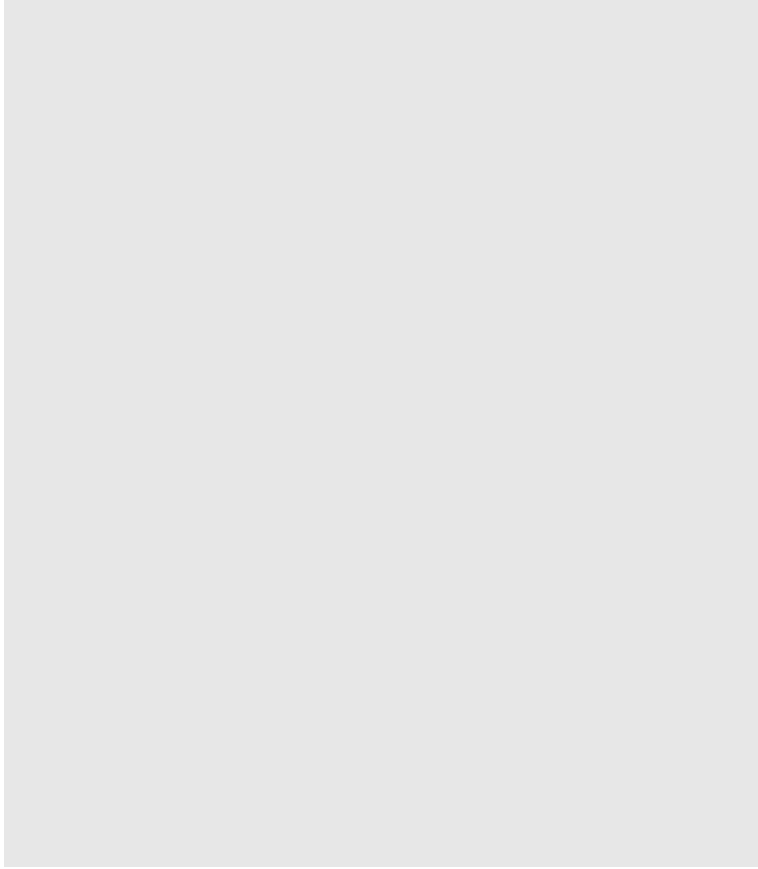


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Akisha Torio

Akisha Torio is a Toronto based Media Production student interested in advertising, creative direction, and storytelling through digital media. With experience in editing, production,

and social content creation, she is passionate about creating visually driven work that connects with audiences in meaningful ways.



Julia Trofimova

I'm Julia, a Toronto-based Interior Design student exploring the relationship between atmosphere, emotion, and spatial storytelling. Inspired by film, art, and contemporary culture, my work focuses on creating immersive environments that evoke

feeling and human connection. I'm interested in conceptual design, material experimentation, and the ways interiors can shape memory, perception, and experience through both physical and emotional interaction.



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Luke Turner

Luke is a first year RTA Sports Media student at TMU in Downtown Toronto.

With experience directing, hosting as an on-air talent and creating content, he looks to pursue a career in the sports broadcasting industry. He aims to make professional connections, and

grow his presence within the sports media landscape.

Passionate about the social impact of sport, Luke seeks the opportunity to contribute to a dynamic and growing professional environment.

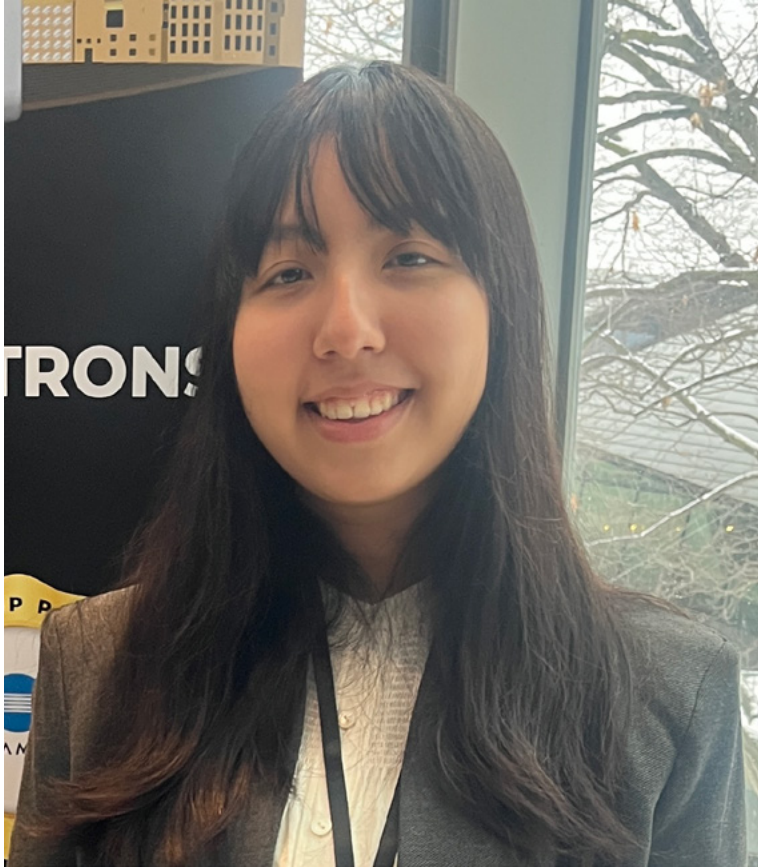


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Peace Umogbai

I am a third-year Creative Industries student with a passion for Film and Storytelling in Media. I am dedicated to paving new paths for storytelling, and I aim to shift mainstream notions and perspectives. With the foundation

that I am building with my studies, my expertise blends technical skills with creative vision. I am excited to create impactful work that amplifies underrepresented voices and actively redefines Western cinema.



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Ivana Vukmirovic

Ivana is a Canadian designer and student in the Graphic Communications Management program at Toronto Metropolitan University. She is pursuing a Concentration in Packaging, and a Minor in English. With an interest in the graphic communications industry, particularly

structural packaging design, Ivana enjoys exploring how the intersection of visual and structural elements work together to tell a compelling story. Beyond packaging, she is interested in creative writing and tabletop role-playing games.



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Linett Volosinoczki

I am Linett Volosinoczki a Professional Communication student at Toronto Metropolitan University, specializing in Public Relations and Marketing. I have experience in communications, social media strategy, influencer relations, and event promotion through

roles with Kappa Beta Gamma, Benny Beverage Co., and Whistle Bear Golf Club. Passionate about storytelling and creative branding, I enjoy building engaging campaigns that connect brands with audiences in meaningful and innovative ways.



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Zoe Wolfe

Born in the Pacific North West Zoë is a multi-disciplinary artist with an affinity for the macabre and taboo. She has explored many creative roles including work as a model, creative director, acting on stage and screen, co-running an underground music

venue and as a one woman production company creating strange art house porn. Informed by her experiences as a neurodivergent woman and former sex worker, her work explores themes of eroticism and melancholia.



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Axel Zanganeh

Axel Zanganeh is a Media Production student at Toronto Metropolitan University with experience in film production, content creation, and event coordination. Having worked on short films, music videos, television productions, and media events, Axel has developed strong skills in

storytelling, collaboration, and creative problem-solving. Passionate about media, arts, and production, Axel enjoys working in fast-paced creative environments and is eager to continue growing through hands-on industry experiences and new opportunities.

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