

VFS Corporate Fact Sheet

Vancouver Film School (VFS) is a post-secondary entertainment arts school. In just one intensive year at VFS, students receive a comprehensive education balancing theoretical instruction and hands-on production. This experience includes lectures, tutorials, productions, collaborations with other departments, mentorship with working professionals, and guest speakers from the industry. VFS is known as “the studio that teaches”.

WHY VFS? A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

During their year at VFS, students create a body of work to showcase their abilities and launch their career. This portfolio or demo reel is designed to demonstrate their creative and technical abilities to potential employers and collaborators. Whether they're making films, video games, and commercials, or bringing 2D and 3D characters to life, our students leave school industry-ready.

WHERE WE ARE

Vancouver is more than just a beautiful, cosmopolitan city. Its entertainment culture is driven by robust industries for film, design, TV, animation, video games, and sound production. With a population of 2.2 million and growing and consistently named one of the world's best and most livable cities, Vancouver is the ideal place to launch a career in the entertainment arts.

OUR RESULTS

VFS alumni work for companies like Pixar, Lucasfilm, and Electronic Arts. Some contribute to films like *Lord of the Rings*, *Iron Man*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Enchanted*. Others are entrepreneurs, writing pilots for comedy series, or cutting documentaries. Or they're artists, screening their work at Cannes, Siggraph, Sundance, and Annecy. Regardless of their path, our graduates are equipped for success. VFS, like the entertainment industry, values the ability to produce quality results above all else.

BENEFITS OF VFS

- **VFS is a gateway to the entertainment industry**
- **Students network with:**
 - Other Students: up-and-coming entertainment industry leaders
 - Faculty: leaders currently working in the industry
 - Regular Guest Speakers and Industry Partners
- **Vancouver is “Hollywood North”.** Students train in the city that's the 3rd largest in North America for film and a game production hub.
- **Advisory Board** Industry leaders advise VFS on how to best create comprehensive programs that give students an advantage in the evolving marketplace.
- In many programs, final projects are viewed and evaluated by **industry panels**.
- **Scholarship programs** are regularly available to the best and brightest students.
- **Workplace preparation** Portfolio creation and employment and team preparation.

OUR PROGRAMS

- 3D Animation & Visual Effects
- Classical Animation
- Digital Character Animation
- Acting for Film & Television
- Acting Essentials
- Digital Design
- Entertainment Business Management
- Film Production
- Game Design
- Makeup Design for Film & Television
- Sound Design for Visual Media
- Writing for Film & Television
- Foundation Visual Art & Design

VFS VALUES

At VFS, we are driven by passion, innovation, experience, and the results. We believe that *Results Matter*. Those results are what we aim to give every student: a life-changing year, an arsenal of high-level skills and know-how, and a great career to show for it.

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HISTORY OF VFS

VFS opened its doors in April 1987 to a class of twelve eager film students. More than twenty years later, the school now graduates over 1300 students a year. Since its inception, VFS has become the premier private post-secondary arts and entertainment school in Canada.

- **April 1987:** VFS open its doors, launching the Film Production program
- **February 1994:** Classical Animation program launches
- **February 1994:** VFS launches North America's 1st Multimedia Program
- **February 1995:** 3D Animation & Visual Effects program launches
- **May 1996:** Acting for Film & Television program launches
- **June 1998:** Digital Character Animation program launches
- **May 1999:** Writing for Film & Television program launches
- **January 2000:** Makeup Design for Film & Television program launches
- **April 2002:** Sound Design for Visual Media program launches
- **May 2003:** Foundation Visual Art & Design program launches
- **August 2004:** Digital Design program launches
- **October 2004:** Game Design program launches
- **February 2006:** Entertainment Business Management program launches
- **August 2006:** VFS launches its new 1-year Makeup Design for Film & Television program
- **August 2006:** VFS offers \$1 Million in scholarships to celebrate its 20th anniversary
- **October 2006:** VFS YouTube channel (youtube.com/vancouverfilmschool) launches
- **March 2008:** VFS and YouTube present "What Matters to You" Scholarship Competition

CAMPUSES

VFS has six campuses that span the entire Vancouver downtown core.



198 WEST HASTINGS STREET

Admissions
Acting Essentials
Acting
Entertainment Business Management
Makeup Design for Film & Television
Writing for Film & Television



1380 BURRARD STREET

3D Animation & Visual Effects
Classical Animation
Digital Character Animation
Foundation Visual Art & Design
Sound Design for Visual Media



420 HOMER STREET

Digital Design
Student Services
VFS Café



1248 FRANKLIN STREET

Makeup Design for Film & Television



400 WEST HASTINGS STREET

Film Production



88 EAST PENDER STREET

Game Design

At VFS, I had a great working atmosphere with relevant curriculum, staff, and equipment to reach my full potential.

Ben Sanders, Animation & Visual Effects Graduate Animator, *PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END, THE GOLDEN COMPASS*

VFS MEDIA CONTACT

If you are a journalist and would like to learn more about Vancouver Film School, please refer to the contact information below. We'll be happy to help you.

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