

# Dave Gau

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## PROFILE

Creative, energetic animation specialist and applied improv professional, harnessing a wide range of skills from over 25 years experience, including 2D and 3D animation & direction, comedic performance, writing and creative production, corporate training and project management. Comfortable on teams in any role, and passionate about bringing laughter and doing good for others in all endeavors.

## shavefx.com

## Animation & Production



**ShaveFX, Inc.** (originally Dave Gau Animations, Inc.) • July 1999 – Present  
**Founder, President, Owner, Animator, Business Manager**

- Grew at-home freelance business to an independent animation studio, at times employing a staff of up to five animators and designers, as well as independent contractors.
- Produce 2D & 3D motion graphics, visual effects and animations for corporate and broadcast video, film and interactive presentations for clients on international levels.
- Write scripts, create storyboards and develop creative concepts individually and on teams
- Serve as producer or production coordinator for projects involving live production elements and location shoots, seeing them through to post-production as video editor and finisher.



**The Frontier Project** • August 2012 - July 2014 • **Animation Director**

- Developed internal resources into a media production team
- Wrote, produced, directed and edited live and animated productions
- Animated 3D and motion graphic sequences for various internal and client productions
- Facilitated workshops on visual communication and personal presence



**Metro Video Productions** • Sept. 1990 – July 1999 • **Director of Graphics and Animation**

- Established & grew graphics and animation department to a multi-person team
- Art director, animator, and designer for video productions, web pages and intranet design
- Production assistant, grip, camera operator and sound tech on various productions



**WWBT TV12** • August 1989 – August 1990 • **Production Specialist**

- Worked as camera operator, floor director and primary news graphic artist, developing an understanding and respect for live broadcast production schedules and deadlines

## cszrva.com

## Applied Improvisation



**CSz Richmond & Yes Balloon** • **President, Board of Directors** (January 2017 - present);  
**Managing Partner** (January 2010 – December 2016); **Artistic Director** (Spring 2007 - present);  
**Founding member & performer** (March 1996 – present)

- Cast & direct shows, and create, develop and market new shows for stage production
- Write curriculum and lead workshops for applied improvisation clients in businesses, churches, schools and community organizations.
- Serve on a non-profit board to oversee business operations for theater and corporate endeavors
- Regularly perform improv and sketch comedy with a troupe of 40 talented individuals
- Collaborated on an international level to establish CSz Worldwide rebranding
- Produce annual multi-day improv festivals “Festivus” & “Tournament of Northern Aggression”

## Smarts

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Film & Video with an Animation Emphasis from the School of Graphic Arts and Photography, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
- Proficient in Maya, Cinema4D, After Effects, Adobe Premiere, Photoshop, Illustrator, web design with Dreamweaver and Wix, Microsoft Office and others