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Tariq Rimawi is a Jordanian animated film director and scriptwriter. In 2010, he graduated with a Master's Degree in Animation from Newport Film School in the United Kingdom. He wrote and directed the short animated films 'Missing' in 2010, 'Growing' in 2013, and 'Surprise' in 2016. His shorts have been screened at more than 150 international film festivals and received 14 awards domestically and internationally. In 2014, Tariq completed his PhD studies from The Animation Academy at Loughborough University in the United Kingdom. Tariq is the founder and the head of Animation & Multimedia Department at the University of Petra in Jordan.

### Personal Details:

Full Name: Tariq Z. Alrimawi

Nationality: Jordanian

Date of Birth: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1980

Place of Birth: Kuwait

### Education:

- **Animation Academy, Loughborough University, UK**  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Animation, 2014
- **Newport Film School, South Wales University, UK**  
MA, Animation, 2010
- **Petra University, Jordan**  
BA, Graphic Design, 2006
- **Arab Collage, Jordan**  
Diploma, Information Technology, 2001

## Filmography:

- **SURPRISE (short animated film, 3D CGI)**  
Director, Producer and Writer  
2016  
*Synopsis: A surprise waits for a puppet when he pops out from his box; he discovers that someone steals his unique hat and the puppet wants to get it back .*
- **GROWING (short animated film, 3D CGI)**  
Director, Writer, Composer and Editor  
2013  
*Synopsis: A boy plays with a toy weapon and grows up along with it.*
- **MISSING (short animated film, Stop-motion)**  
Director, Writer, Puppet Maker, Stop-motion Animator, Composer and Editor  
2010  
*Synopsis: A window opens on a child who lives in a war torn area where he longs for his past peaceful life.*

## Employment:

- **Head of Animation & Multimedia Department, Faculty of the Architecture and Design, Petra University.**  
**Amman, Jordan**  
September 2016 – Present
- **Assistant Professor, Graphic Design Department, Faculty of the Architecture and Design, Petra University.**  
**Amman, Jordan**  
February 2014 – September 2016
- **Part-time Lecturer, Visual Communication Design, School of the Arts, Loughborough University.**  
**England, United Kingdom**  
October 2013 – February 2014
- **Lecturer, Graphic Design Department, Faculty of the Architecture and Design, Petra University.**  
**Amman, Jordan**

January 2010 – September 2010

- **Calon Animation Studio.**  
**Cardiff, UK**  
Summer internship 2009
- **Graphic Designer, JWT Advertising Agency.**  
**Amman, Jordan**  
September 2006 - September 2007
- **Graphic Designer, Waseela Design Studio**  
**Amman, Jordan**  
September 2001 - September 2002

#### Membership Organizations:

- **The Society for Animation Studies (SAS)**  
Member, November 2012 to Present
- **The International Animated Film Association (ASIFA)**  
Member, March 2012 to Present
- **Animation Academy, Loughborough University**  
Member, March 2010 to Present
- **Al Ma'amal 612 Think Factory**  
A collaborative pool to develop artistic & film projects with thinkers and workers from the world.  
  
Member, September 2013 to Present

#### Honors and Awards (Personal):

1. Featured in Zippy Frames Animation online Magazine, 2017.  
**Link:** <http://zippyframes.com/index.php/interviews/building-a-new-jordan-animation-from-the-university-of-petra-interview-with-tariq-rimawi>
2. Featured in January issue of ANIMATOON Magazine, 2015. **(6 pages)**
3. The Arab Production Award Program from Al Mawred Culture Resources, 2014  
**(Grant Prize)**

4. Cairo Film Festival for Children, *Egypt 2012* (**Golden Award of the Best Arab Animation**)
5. Joanimate Animation Festival, *Jordan 2012* (**Best Jordanian Animated Film**)
6. Barcelona International Audiovisual Festival, *Catalonia 2012* (**Creative Award**)
7. Chicago International Children's Film Festival, *USA 2012* (**Second Prize, Academy Awards Qualifying Festival**)
8. Milano International FICTS Festival, *Italy 2012* (**Panathlon International Award**)
9. Barcelona International Sports Film Festival, *Catalonia 2012* (**Best Sport and Solidarity Film**)
10. International Film and Audiovisual Festival for Children and Youth, *Venezuela 2012* (**Best Youth's Animated Film**)
11. Brasil Stop Motion Festival, *Brazil 2012* (**Honorable Mention**)
12. Tehran International Short Film Festival, *Iran 2011* (**Special Mention Best Director in Asia Award**)
13. AnimFest Athens Animation Festival, *Greece 2011* (**Audience Award\_ Student Competition**)
14. Cambridge Student Film Festival, *UK 2011* (**Nominated Best Screenplay**)
15. Tokyo Short Shorts International Film Festival and Asia, *Japan 2011* (**Official selection, Academy Awards Qualifying Festival**)
16. Franco Arab Film Festival, *Jordan 2010* (**Best Jordanian Short Film**)
17. Beirut International Film Festival, *Lebanon 2010* (**Best Third Short Arab**)
18. Ministry of Culture Awards 2005 (**Best Anti-smoking Poster**)

### Workshops, Courses and Expos:

- **Amman Design Week (Speaker):** Four Jordanian animation designers and educators showcase their work and process in a quick-paced, pecha kucha style presentation, and discuss how Animation and moving image can be used as a tool for communication, expression, and as a new medium for giving a voice to youth in Jordan. 2017, Amman, Jordan.
- **Amman Design Week (Instructor):** The Art of Plotting Your Story & Screenplay Structure workshop. 2016, Amman, Jordan.
- **Hakaya Animation Festival (Instructor):** five days of 'The Art of Scriptwriting' workshop. 2016, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **Karama Human Rights Film Festival (Jury member):** Jury member of the International Animation Competition. 2015, Amman, Jordan
- **Jordan Gaming Summit (Attendee):** The Jordan Gaming Summit brought together a variety of internationally renowned speakers to share their ideas, experiences and thoughts about the gaming industry as it aims to foster game development

ecosystem in the region, and to solidify Jordan as the Gaming hub of the Middle East. 2015, Amman, Jordan

- **Hakaya Animation Festival (Instructor):** five days of 'How to write an animated short film' workshop. 2015, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **JoAnimate Animation Festival (Instructor):** One day of 'How to write an animated short film' workshop. 2014, Amman, Jordan  
Introduction to theory and practice of how to write for animated short films. The participants will learn how to turn their ideas into cinematic scripts by using different techniques and approach. Moreover, they will learn how to break their story and make decisions about the plot, structure, characters and outline.
- **JoAnimate Animation Festival (Speaker):** An awards winning animator from Jordan. 2014, Amman, Jordan
- **JoAnimate Animation Festival (Jury member):** An awards winning animator from Jordan. 2014, Amman, Jordan
- **Jordan Gaming Summit (Attendee):** 2014, Amman, Jordan
- **Animation Exchange Forum (participant):** 5 days of "Projection Mapping" workshop with members of the Berlin based studio-collective "Talking Animals". 2013, Dresden, Germany.
- **CTN Animation Expo (participant):** a series of talks and workshops by animation industry experts such as Pixar, Disney, DreamWorks, Blue Sky and other studios. 2012, California, USA.
- **The Art of Scriptwriting (participant):** 8 Days training course  
2012, Leicester, UK
- **3D Storytelling Conference (Attendee):** A series of seminars and hands-on workshops by industry experts of 3D stereoscopic.  
2011, London, UK
- **Animation workshop for Children (Instructor):** Organized by The Royal Film Commission Jordan and The Danish Animation House Copenhagen.  
2010, Amman, Jordan.
- **An original dramatic film treatment (participant):** 1 week Training course led by Barry Hanson.  
2010, Balchick, Bulgaria
- **Co-Production and Pitching Workshop (participant):** Led by Mike Robinson.  
2009, Swansea UK
- **Animation Directing Workshop (participant):** led by Priit Part.  
2008, Newport, UK.
- **Outside the Box (Attendee):** The Annual Advertising and Communications Conference. 2005, Amman, Jordan.

## Academic Conferences & publications

- Alrimawi, T 2016, 'How would the computer animation help the new generation of Arab artists to practice the Arabic calligraphy in the animated films? ', *The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Animation Studies (SAS)*, Singapore. pp.53
- Alrimawi, T 2015, 'The Challenges that face the Arab animation cinema', *Proceedings from the second international conference on Computer Graphics and Animation*, ISSN: 2324-9307, San Antonio, Tx, USA, pp.44.
- Alrimawi, T 2014, 'Issues of Representation in Arab Animation Cinema: Practice, History and Theory', *A Doctoral Thesis*, Loughborough University, United Kingdom.
- Alrimawi, T 2013, 'The Arab Animation Spring', *Proceedings from the second CONFIA international conference on Illustration and Animation*, ISBN: 978-989-98241-6-4, Porto, Portugal, pp.303-316.