



# SASHKA AVANYAN

## BIO

My name is Sashka and I'm a filmmaker.

I studied philosophy at the University of McGill, and have worked as a videographer and video editor for the last 6 years.

Most prominently my experience lies in educational videos, music videos, and short promotional reels. Currently my focus lies in pouring my energy into the sphere of documentary filmmaking.

I was born in Houston, Texas but raised in Moscow, Russia until the age of 15, at which point I moved to Canada for 6 years. In May of 2018 I repatriated to Armenia and in January of 2019 I started Creopia Productions, a visual arts production company with a mission for social impact.

Currently based in Vanadzor, Armenia.

## INFO

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## EXPERIENCE

- Co-Founder/Creative Director, Creopia Productions, Vanadzor**  
*January 2019- present*  
gathering of video editing clients from US, UK, Canada, Ireland, Armenia - training for youth in Vanadzor in video editing and videography - grant writing and curriculum writing for educational programs - creative direction of films -
- Manager, Vision Call Center, Vanadzor**  
*June 2018- June 2019*  
recruitment and hiring of strong english speakers - training on communication with Americans - office managing -
- Birthright Armenia Volunteer, Armenia**  
*May 2017- January 2018*  
filmed and edited a series of domestic abuse survivor stories for the Women's Support Centre in Yerevan - worked with Vanadzor Hachkar artist, learning traditional stone carving and filmed a short documentary about it - taught a workshop on documentary filmmaking to kids at TUMO in Dilijan -
- Video Editor for McGill Multimedia Services, Montreal QC**  
*January 2016- March 2017*  
editing segments of online courses produced by McGill - creating animations using the "draw on" technique - Filming for the "McGill En Parle" show -
- Video Editor for McGill Online Course, Montreal QC**  
*May 2015- December 2015*  
editing high volumes of footage into 8 min segments - adding in images and graphics to the segments - developing idea and filming trailer for the course - put together the wrap up video with highlights and successes of the course -
- Gallery Assistant, Bezpala-Brown Gallery, Toronto, ON**  
*September 2013- August 2014*  
processing payments for artworks - managing gallery cash flow - sending invoices to buyers - translating artist information (Russian to English) - maintaining artwork inventory/ organization - packaging of delicate artworks for shipment to clients -

## EDUCATION

**University of McGill**  
2014 - 2017  
Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy

**Mentor College**  
2010 - 2014  
High School Diploma

## SKILLS

Adobe Premiere Pro

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe After Effects

Adobe Photoshop

## LANGUAGES

English  
Native

Russian  
Native

Armenian  
50%

French  
30%

## INTERESTS



Saxophone



Museums



Meditation



Travel