AZRA ROSNA ALKAN

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP / AI & REAL-TIME FILMMAKING

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PROFILE

Senior Creative Executive at Amazon MGM AI Studios, bringing 12+ years of experience across film, games, advertising and technology. Combines hands-on visual effects and real-time production expertise with creative leadership, research collaboration and pipeline development. Focused on advancing filmmaking techniques while preserving creative control.

EXPERTISE

Creative & technical leadership: Creative direction, AI production strategy, look development, cross-disciplinary team direction and mentorship.

Production: Previsualization, on-set supervision, virtual production, real-time cinematics, compositing supervision and finishing.

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Senior Creative Executive

Amazon MGM AI Studios | March 2026 - Present

- Partner with science teams on patent-focused projects designed to maintain full creative control in AI-enabled filmmaking.
- Oversee multiple projects developing new shooting techniques and production approaches.
- Collaborate with production teams on stage shoots.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Technical Artist

TEKsystems (Meta Consulting) | November 2025

Led technical consultation and AI integration for Meta's generative AI initiative, connecting research teams with creative production.

- Translated machine learning capabilities into practical artist workflows and aligned technology roadmaps with creative and business objectives.
- Collaborated across AI developers, VFX artists and executives; advised on pipeline quality, resource allocation, data governance and IP.

Compositing Supervisor & Art Director

Azra Alkan LLC | February 2022 - Present

Led creative production from concept to delivery for clients including Disney, MPC, ZERO VFX, Dell and Laundry Studios.

- Directed feature-film, commercial and real-time projects; managed scopes, budgets, artist development and client communication.
- Built Python workflow tools and supervised virtual production; explored real-time and machine learning methods to improve production.

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Professional experience / continued

REAL-TIME PRODUCTION & VFX LEADERSHIP

Cinematic Artist

Turn 10 Studios (Microsoft) | March 2025 - July 2025

Created real-time cinematics for Forza in partnership with RUN STUDIOS.

- Optimized Unreal Engine pipelines for AAA production and maintained visual consistency across complex sequences.
- Collaborated with directors, technical artists and audio teams; resolved rendering risks to support production schedules.

Look Development & Senior Compositing

ZERO VFX | March 2022 - March 2024

Led look development and compositing teams across concurrent feature-film and television projects.

- Integrated machine learning into repetitive production tasks and developed efficiencies for texture generation, roto and quality control.
- Mentored compositors and established visual benchmarks for shot-to-shot continuity.

Concept Art Director & Senior Compositor

NOISE | November 2023 - February 2024

Led art direction for commercial campaigns including Coca-Cola and Pinterest, delivering creative solutions across fast-paced production cycles.

Real-Time & Compositing Mentor

CG Spectrum College | March 2022 - 2024

Taught real-time workflows and compositing fundamentals. Developed practical, hands-on curricula and updated material for emerging tools.

Unreal Engine Artist & Senior Compositor

MPC | February 2023 - May 2023

Delivered real-time workflows for major studio projects and partnered with technical directors on pipeline optimization and troubleshooting.

Broadcasting Consultant

Epic Games | June 2022 - July 2022

Consulted on Unreal Engine for New York broadcasting events, advising production teams on real-time rendering and workflow optimization.

Compositing Supervisor & Real-Time Artist

Zoic Studios | September 2021 - February 2022

Supervised episodic compositing teams, introduced real-time workflows and managed artist development, quality control and broadcast delivery.

Unreal Filmmaker

VashiVisuals (Dell Technologies & NVIDIA partnership) | June 2021 - September 2021

Developed Unreal Engine filmmaking work in collaboration with Dell and NVIDIA, exploring emerging real-time production techniques.

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Earlier experience / education & technical practice

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

VFX Supervisor

Barnstorm VFX | March 2021 - September 2021

Supervised VFX on CW's Superman & Lois, directing teams and overseeing shot quality, artist workflows and episodic delivery.

Senior VFX Compositor

Luma Pictures | October 2019 - March 2021

Lead Compositor

ZERO VFX | September 2019 - October 2019

Led commercial compositing and coordinated creative, VFX and production teams.

Senior VFX Compositor

Blur Studio | September 2019

Delivered final shots for Terminator: Dark Fate.

Senior VFX Compositor

Luma Pictures, Framestore, Rhythm & Hues, Eight VFX | 2017 - 2019

Contributed to feature films including Marvel productions and other major studio releases.

Lead Compositor

Ingenuity Studios | November 2016 - September 2017

Led a compositing team, established quality standards and mentored junior artists.

EDUCATION

B.F.A., Visual Effects

Academy of Art University | 2011 - 2014

Associate of Arts, Film/Cinema/Video Studies

Santa Monica College | 2010 - 2011

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

Texas A&M University | 2008 - 2010

FELLOWSHIP & CERTIFICATIONS

Unreal Engine Fellowship - Epic Games | October 2020 - November 2020

Selected for mentorship and intensive training in virtual production, environment creation and real-time workflows.

Cinema 4D Certified

TECHNICAL TOOLS

Unreal Engine / Python / Nuke / Houdini / Blender / DaVinci Resolve / Maya / Machine learning tooling