



LA'S MOST INSPIRING STORIES

A TALE OF TWO FRIENDS

JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

THE QUEST TO EMPOWER WOMEN

HOW LA FOODIES GET IN SHAPE

MAY 15, 2019

# Meet Bochen Zhang



LOCAL STORIES

f SHARE

🐦 TWEET

📌 PIN



Today we'd like to introduce you to Bochen Zhang.

**Bochen, let's start with your story. We'd love to hear how you got started and how the journey has been so far.**

About six years ago I moved to Los Angeles from Beijing to make films. It was a dream I had from the time I

was really young growing up in China. I loved learning English and learning about the world. It wasn't easy to get permission to travel outside of China, but I took every chance I could to see outside my town and outside my country.

I loved meeting people from other countries, hearing new perspectives and learning about different cultures. My family and friends wanted me to lay down some roots, but I always felt pulled to see more, to do more.

**Overall, has it been relatively smooth? If not, what were some of the struggles along the way?**

Working in production in China was an incredible start to my career, but I always felt like a fish out of water until I got to LA. The things that hurt my success in China seem to work for me here. Being a freelancer in LA has its struggles (as half of LA will tell you!), but it rarely feels like a challenge. Moving to LA felt like coming home like my energy is in sync here. The level of gratitude I feel standing on the beach on my day off is more rewarding than any paycheck.

**We'd love to hear more about your work.**

I work in physical production for film, television and TV commercials. I usually work as a line producer, so that means I'm responsible for the budget, the schedule and managing the logistics before and during the production. One of the things I have loved doing is guest lecturing to film students and I

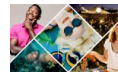
## POPULAR



PORTRAITS OF THE VALLEY



THE THOUGHT-PROVOKERS: CELEBRATING ARTISTS & CREATIVES



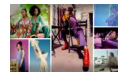
PORTRAITS OF HOLLYWOOD



HIDDEN GEMS: LOCAL BUSINESSES & CREATIVES YOU SHOULD KNOW



THE TRAILBLAZERS: REWRITING THE NARRATIVE



LA'S MOST INSPIRING STORIES

always tell them to look outside their department. If you want your film to be extraordinary, you have to anticipate what each department might need, how your department fits into the bigger picture and how you can maximize your production quality.

### **What were you like growing up?**

I grew up in China during the 80s. It was a really different time for China. We got our first fast-food restaurant. We were starting to get films and music from outside China and it was incredible to experience that. But as a kid in China, we were expected to focus on studying about 12 hours a day. My parents were both teachers, so there were a lot of expectations for how I should spend my afternoons. But my parents weren't home after school. I grew up with a house key on my necklace from the time I was 5 and I did not always follow instructions for where I was supposed to be. I regularly skipped out on studying to get sesame-flavored ice sticks with my friends or watch Japanese cartoons, like Saint Seiya. I did fine in school, but I always felt like I didn't belong. I always pushed the boundaries a little more than other kids.

### **Contact Info:**

- **Website:** [https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5624806/?ref\\_=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5624806/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1)
- **Email:** bochen.zhang@gmail.com



### **Image Credit:**

Michael Street, Chevy Chen

**Getting in touch:** VoyageLA is built on recommendations from the community; it's how we uncover hidden gems, so if you know someone who deserves recognition please let us know [here](#).

**RELATED  
ITEMS**

LEAVE  
A  
REPLY

---

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked \*

Comment

Name \*

Email \*

Website

Post Comment

---

MORE IN



## PORTRAITS OF THE VALLEY

It's more important to understand someone than to judge them. We think the first step to understanding someone is asking them...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 27, 2019



## THE THOUGHT-PROVOKERS: CELEBRATING ARTISTS & CREATIVES

LA has always had an artistic soul. The culture and heritage of our city, like most great cities, owes a tremendous...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 27, 2019



## PORTRAITS OF HOLLYWOOD

You matter. Your story matters. You don't have to be a billionaire or pop star for your story to matter. We...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 27, 2019

---



## HIDDEN GEMS: LOCAL BUSINESSES & CREATIVES YOU SHOULD KNOW

Every day we have a choice. We can support an up and coming podcaster, try a new family-run restaurant, join a...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 26, 2019



## THE TRAILBLAZERS: REWRITING THE NARRATIVE

The editorial team has a special attachment to our new series, The Trailblazers: Rewriting the Narrative, because so many of us...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 26, 2019



## LA'S MOST INSPIRING STORIES

Every neighborhood in LA has its own vibe, style, culture and history, but what consistently amazes us is not what differentiates...

LOCAL STORIES | NOVEMBER 25, 2019



## THE MAKING OF A QUEEN

After experiencing years of rejection, disappointment, and broken promises I am not sure what possessed me to believe that I was...

WHITLEY PORTER | OCTOBER 12, 2019



## WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED ALONG YOUR JOURNEY?

Every twist in our story, challenge we face, and obstacle we overcome is an important part of our story. These difficulties...

LOCAL STORIES | SEPTEMBER 19, 2019



# #LADYBOSS: REDEFINING WHAT A BOSS LOOKS LIKE

Too many of us grew up only seeing one kind of boss or leader in the media. The lack of representation...

LOCAL STORIES | SEPTEMBER 19, 2019



## VoyageLA

Los Angeles is an incredible city - but it's so large and so vast and so diverse that all of us are missing out on tons of great people, businesses, organizations, events and more.

VoyageLA wants to highlight the best of LA - from freelance makeup artists that will dazzle you to the best Meetup groups in town.



Copyright © 2015 VoyageLA.

### LATEST HEADLINES

PORTRAITS OF THE VALLEY

THE THOUGHT-PROVOKERS: CELEBRATING ARTISTS & CREATIVES

PORTRAITS OF HOLLYWOOD

HIDDEN GEMS: LOCAL BUSINESSES & CREATIVES YOU SHOULD KNOW

### TAGS WIDGET

- LOCALGUIDE
- FOOD
- ENTERTAINMENT
- SLIDER
- NSFW
- MOVIE
- FEATURED
- MUSTREAD
- FASHION
- TRENDING
- DATING
- LOVE
- LOS ANGELES
- TV
- COMEDY
- HBO
- POP CULTURE
- STYLE
- SOCIAL
- WOMEN
- MEN
- LIFESTYLE
- NOTHINGCANBREAKTHISLOVE
- AMBERBOLLARD
- AMBERCLAIRE

ABOUT VOYAGELA    TERMS OF SERVICE    SUBMIT A STORY