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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration | May 2025 | GPA 3.8/4.0

ILLUSTRATION EXPERIENCE

Illustrator, *INDEX & Smithsonian Institution*, Sarasota, F, January 2023 - May 2023

- Produced artwork for a six-page comic in collaboration with curators at the Smithsonian Institution, as part of their *Drawn to Art: Tales of Inspiring Women Artists* collection.
- Jobs included research work, implementing script changes and critique on a quick turnaround, and readying final deliverables for publication and print.

Illustrator, *INDEX*, Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL, August 2023 - January 2024

- As part of a course, collaborated, developed, and illustrated a comic for college admission promotional material.
- Created a 2-page comic in Adobe Photoshop.
- Developed a cohesive story concept.
- Constructed original character designs.
- Implemented adjustments on tight deadlines.

Freelance Artist, *Self-Employed*, 2016 - Present

- Created a variety of work for independent clients, including: comics, character illustrations, and signage.
- Successfully promoted work on social media to grow a steady clientele.
- Built personal relationships with over 150 clients, with >50 clients returning for recurrent commission work.
- Provided process work throughout the project timeline, implementing adjustments on a quick turnaround..
- Created pieces to fit various print specifications.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Art Specialist & Camp Counselor, *Camp Akeela*, Thetford, VT, June 2024 - August 2024, June 2025-August 2025

- Created a tailored art curriculum for neurodivergent kids from ages 9-17 over two 3½ week periods, including projects for single classes and for week-long courses.

- Managed a classroom of between 8-30 children for 4-5 classes a day, memorizing names, faces, and cabin placements of >200 campers to ensure personalized approaches to each lesson.
- Trained new art specialists on the teaching space, materials, curriculum, and specific needs of campers.
- Ensured proper care of equipment and materials in the art classroom, as well as that all materials for different classes and activities were readily on hand and in supply.
- Created unique and themed signage for events and camp areas.

SKILLS

Digital: Adobe Photoshop (Expert), Adobe Illustrator (Expert), Clip Studio Paint (Expert), Procreate (Expert), Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced)

Traditional: Oil Painting (Advanced), Watercolor (Advanced), Graphite (Advanced), Charcoal (Advanced), Ink (Advanced), Acrylic (Advanced)

Hobbies: Sculpting, Crafting, Sign-Making

EXHIBITIONS & HONORS

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