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Objective

I am an illustrator and avid storyteller who specializes in character design/character-centric illustration, concept art, world-building, and book/story illustration. I am seeking a position where I may help to bring people's characters and stories to life by working with them to visualize their ideas and concepts through my artwork.

Experience

Freelance Illustrator **2016-Present**

- Creates art commissions for various clients, including concept art, character designs, web graphics (emotes, logos, etc.), comics, book illustrations, and fully illustrated scenes

Owner of Open Wing Studio L.L.C. **2017-Present**

- Sells merchandise made from original artwork, including art prints, acrylic keychains/charms, pin-back buttons, and booklets/zines
- Attends various art conventions and sells original merchandise as well as on-site art commissions (shows include: ConnectiCon, Tiny Paws Con, Bethany Lions Craft Fair, etc.)

Storyboardist and Character Designer for *The Audition* (2016) **2015**

- Designed 4 characters featured in a short film and created storyboards for one scene. Work included 15 black and white digital sketches (storyboard), as well as full body character designs and character sheets.

Education

University of Connecticut (Storrs, CT) **2012-2016**

Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts, with an Illustration concentration

Cumulative GPA: 3.84

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Scholarships: 2014 Fine Arts Talent Scholarship, 2015 Fine Arts Talent Scholarship, 2016 Fine Arts Talent Scholarship, Fawcett Illustration Scholarship

Achievements: Winner of the 2015 Raab Associates Prize for Poetry Illustration, Illustration Club Publicist, Illustration Club Secretary

Courses Include:

Studio Concepts, Drawing I, Drawing II, Basic Studio Painting, Life Drawing I, Basic Studio Photography, Illustration, Life Drawing II, Aqua Media I, Introduction to Digital Media, Basic Studio Sculpture, Topics in Illustration, Design Process, Basic Studio Printmaking, Independent Study in Graphic Novel Writing and Illustration, Figure Painting, Modern Art, Animation Fundamentals, Aqua Media II, Senior Project in Illustration

Amity Regional High School (Woodbridge, CT)

2009-2012

Diploma: High School Diploma

Final GPA: 3.95

Achievements/Awards: Member of the National Art Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Fine Arts, Excellence in Fine Arts, CAPT Scholar

Courses Include:

Honors Advanced Art, Drawing and Painting I, Craft and Design, Intro to Art

Exhibitions

UConn BFA Show (Group Exhibition)

2016

- Seniors of the University of Connecticut's Fine Arts program showcased their final art projects at ArtSpace Windham in Willimantic, Connecticut.
- Exhibited 4 fully illustrated comic pages of *The Alati Chronicles*, an original story by Mary Rose Fiondella; Included over 6 fully realized character designs, fully painted environments/backgrounds, and written dialogue.

Skills

Illustration, Drawing, Painting, Digital Art, Photoshop, Adobe Creative Suite, MacOSX

Specialties

Illustration, Character Design, Concept Art, Book Illustration/Cover Art

References

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