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EDUCATION

May 2022 Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH
BFA, 2022
Illustration
Minor: Art History (Pre-Contemporary)

EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present Penguin Random House, Remote
Illustrator - WhoHQ, Penguin Workshop

- ❖ Produce full color digital comic illustrations for upcoming *WhoHQ* graphic novel "What was the California Gold Rush?" rendered primarily in Adobe Photoshop and Procreate
- ❖ Correspond with writer and editors through email, messaging, and company shared files
- ❖ Return finished work in a timely fashion and to editorial standards based on provided scripts and editor feedback
- ❖ Requisite knowledge of children's illustration market and visual sensibilities to produce appealing work to fit within the existing graphic novels in the *WhoHQ* series

Present Freelance Artist, New Rochelle, NY/ Columbus, OH

- ❖ Design and manage products for personal online marketplace
- ❖ Correspond with manufacturers (domestic and overseas) for production of merchandise for online storefront
- ❖ Produce commissioned artwork in a timely and efficient manner
- ❖ Correspond with customers regarding commission orders
- ❖ Manage and design inventory for art sales and convention Artist Alley tables

2020 - Present Starbucks Coffee, Mamaroneck, NY; Columbus, OH
Barista

- ❖ Engage and connect with customers, maintain and clean, safe, and welcoming environment
- ❖ Prepare full menu of drinks from memorized recipes
- ❖ Illustrate promotional signage for in-store use

Spring 2021

Spitball Comics Anthology, Columbus, OH

Production Designer (Spitball Volume 7)

- ❖ Organize small team of designers to produce thematic design elements and interior pages for finished book
- ❖ Produce additional interior pages and patterns for use in final book layout
- ❖ Prepare files from anthology submissions and lay out book for print in Adobe InDesign
- ❖ Arrange production for full volume run with printer

ACTIVITIES

Cosplayer, New Rochelle, NY/Columbus, OH

- ❖ Fabricate props and costumes
- ❖ Pattern and sew various articles of clothing and additional costume pieces
- ❖ Work with a variety of tools and materials, including sewing machines, heat tools, resin casting, etc.

SKILLS

- ❖ Friendly and attentive; excellent communications skills.
- ❖ Full working knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite programs, including Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign
- ❖ Working knowledge of digital and photo printing techniques.
- ❖ Experience working in Paint Tool Sai, ClipStudioPaint, Procreate, Blender, and Maya
- ❖ Knowledge of a wide variety of traditional art media, including but not limited to ink, watercolor, woodwork