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Education

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)
Baltimore, MD (2022 - 2024)
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Illustration
Minor: Ceramics
Honors: *magna cum laude*

Howard Community College
Associate of Arts and Sciences
Columbia, MD (2014-2019)
Honors: *magna cum laude*

Skills

- Digital illustration
- Traditional illustration
- Sketchbook Pro
- Procreate
- Indesgin
- Strong Work Ethic
- Art and Costume Design
- Art Composition
- Traditional Sculpture

Relevant Coursework

- Fantasy Art
- Illustrating the Edible
- Life Drawing
- Studio Drawing: Wash & Gouache
- Senior Illustration 1 & 2

Professional Interests

- character art
- concept art
- animal illustrations
- board game art
- Greeting cards

Notable Projects

Blizzcon Art Contest, 2019, Sculpture
- Created two detailed hand made sculptures for the 2019 Blizzcon Art Conest and recieved an honorable mention.

Personal Work, 2018, Coloring Book
- Self-Published a coloring book titled; "The Art of ThePickled Panda".

Freelance Commission, 2016, Logo Design
- Designed the 2016 logo for Shiba Prom Non- Profit Organization to promote their fund-raising event, logo was placed on various merchandise.

Personal Work, 2016, Comic Book
- Self-Published comic book titled: "Once You Own a Shiba, Everything Else is Just a Dog" sold over 500 copies worldwide.

Additional Work and Experience

Oct 2025- Present: Artist Instructor, Pinot's Palette St. Louis, MO
-Instruct and provid a fun and creative learning environment for guests on how to paint landscapes and characters in an energetic, entertaining, clear and well-paced manner.
- Assisted guests one on one and provided assistance to co-workers during classes.
- Thorough, accurate and detailed setup and clean-up of studio before and after classes

Aug 2022- Dec 2024: Student at MICA, Baltimore, MD
- Bachelor's Degree in Illustration
- Learned the discipline of illustration in traditional and digital media.

Jul 2014 – Present: Freelance Artist, Self employed, Baltimore, MD
- Develop concepts or creative ideas to be made into final completed works (Illustrations and Sculptures).
- Create sculptures, costumes, and other three-dimensional artwork by hand, using a variety of methods and materials.

Jul 2019 – Aug 2020: Artist Instructor, Pinot's Palette, Ellicott City, MD
- See above Pinot's Palette St. Louis, MO

Dec 2010 – Dec 2016: Cryptologic Technician Network, E-5 Rank (CTN2), United States Navy, Fort Meade, MD
- Wrote classified reports and case summaries to document investigations and maintained permanent fleet cryptologic and carry-on direct support systems required in special land, sea surface and subsurface operations.
- Trained users and promote security awareness to ensure system security and to improve server and network efficiency.

