

CONTACT

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SELECTED CLIENTS

KOSART STUDIOS, LLC | TATTOO ILLUSTRATIONS | 2018 -2021 Digitally created, character-specific tattoo illustrations, for use in a range of Television productions under Art Direction from SFX studio lead Anthony Kosar.

BEAM SUNTORY, INC | IDEATION ILLUSTRATIONS | 2016 - 2019 Digitally illustrated packaging mock-ups for brand specific Liquors (Jim Beam, Makers Mark, Toki). Direct collaboration with Art Directors and creative team.

NETFLIX/ANNAPURNA | PROP ILLUSTRATION | 2019

Likeness-specific illustration for use as artistic prop in an upcoming Netflix feature. Direct work with Production Designer and team to achieve creative solutions.

CITY OF AURORA | UTILITY BOX MURAL | 2021

Mural painting of a 50sqft Utility Box utilizing enamel paints. Project was subject to proposal, approval, budget, contract, and weatherproofing specifications.

EDUCATION MURAL

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO BFA Illustration 2013

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RECIPIENT ALBERT P. WEISMAN AWARD Creative Grant 2013

CORE SKILLS

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

Photoshop | Illustrator | InDesign Procreate | Mural Painting | Acrylic Watercolor | Marker | Pen & Ink

PRODUCTION SKILLS

Print Production | Pre-Press Book Binding | File Formating Scan/Photo | Project Organization

INSTRUCTION ASSETS

| Approachable for one-on-one needs

| Experienced managing large class sizes

| Positive-Reinforcement teaching style

| Capable of instructing via Zoom, Livestreams, and Video platforms

| Has worked within a range of professional and independent spheres, providing a complex understanding of many creative needs and situations.

| Knows when not to Reply-All

MURAL CONTRACTS

CITY OF ELGIN | Elgin, IL | 2021 CITY OF AURORA | Aurora, IL | 2021

ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY | Elmwood Park, IL | 2021

33rd Ward Working Families | Albany Park, Chicago IL | 2021

Murals for private clients' bedrooms, offices, bathrooms | 2020 - 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY | Workshop Instructor | 2016 - 2021

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COMICS | Course Instructor/Speaker | 2017 - 2019

THE ADLER PLANETARIUM | 'Geek Chic' Event, Guest Panelist | 2019

GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA | Artist 'Merit Badge' Workshop | 2018, 2019

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO | InkFest Panelist, Guest Instructor | 2018, 2019

CATALYST RANCH | Creativity Retreat Workshop Leader | 2017

LIVE EVENTS

COMIC CONVENTIONS | Weekend-long industry events in Chicago, New York City, Seattle, Detroit, Indianapolis & more. Guest panelist, speaker, artist | 2013-2021 |

PAWS CHICAGO | Summer Beach Party/Fall Fur Ball | Caricatures | 2016 - 2019 |

WHIRLPOOL X ALIVE RESCUE | Sponsored Fundraising Event | Caricatures | 2018 |

REVIVE CENTER FOR HOUSING AND HEALING | Charity Gala | Live Painting | 2018 |

GREYSTAR REALTY CO | Corporate Holiday Parties | Caricatures | 2016 -2018 |

BUCKTOWN ARTS FEST | Public Event | Caricatures | 2017 |

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO | New Student Orientation Event | Caricatures | 2017

PRINTED WORKS

REPEAT AFTER ME | DINOBUGS! | CURLICUTES | Coloring & activity books | 2018

EISEGESIS | 32 page full color comic book | 2016

Monkey and Dragon | 36 page watercolored Children's Book | 2015

The Hasty Pastry | 100 page full color Graphic Novel. Self-Published | 2013