


Illustrator, Character Designer, & Puppet Builder

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Academic Experience

Butler Community College

August 2021 - May 2023

Associate's in Art

President's Honor Roll

Relevant Courses

- *Independent Study: Toy Design* - F'24
- *Character and Creature Design* - F'24
- *Illustration* - S'25
- *Visual Storytelling* - S'25

Southern Virginia University

August 2023 - current

Bachelor's in Entertainment Design

Minor in Creative Writing

President's Honor Roll

Awards

- 1st prize in art, *The Review*
- Honorable Mention, SVU Student Show
- Two works featured in SVU's yearly student journal publication

Work Experience

Lead Puppet Designer & Builder - Several Productions

August 2023 - November 2024

- Designed and built appealing puppets for Southern Virginia University's stage productions, *Halloween on the Hill* and *Cinderella*
- Captivated over 1,000 people of all ages in performance audiences
- Utilized design principles, pattern-making techniques, prototyping, and fabrication skills to create engaging, functional, and memorable puppets

Character Designer & Cover Artist

June 2019- July 2024

- Designed characters and pages for children's books, such as the I Can Teach My Child curriculum early reader series, which are vital to properly engaging young audiences and effectively communicating narratives

Children's Library Assistant - Andover Public Library

June 2021 - August 2024

Encouraged social skills and learning in children through interactive and engaging storytelling in puppet story times twice a week for two years

- Created artwork for displays, which increase patron interest in library books and programs and contribute to the library's visual appeal and engagement
- Oversaw the reference desk daily to ensure smooth operation and providing research assistance to patrons

Children's Art Teacher - Little Beasties

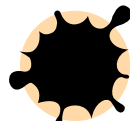
September 2020 - July 2024

- Independently created, marketed, and taught a class for children in homeschool or online school environments a space to continue learning art during the online period of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to do so in the following years
- Demonstrated strong research, marketing, and teaching skills, adapting to recent developments in pedagogy and effectively engaging students
- Designed a well-received curriculum incorporating a variety of artistic mediums to encourage self-expression and foster an appreciation for art within the students

Skills



Adobe Suite



Inventiveness and Adaptability



Clear Communication



Collaboration



Research



Time Management



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