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Artist Statement:

My name is Kat Massey and I am an artist living and working in Campbell, California. I work in photography, painting, mixed media, drawing, and digital art. I have been creating art since highschool mostly as a fun way to fill my time but became more serious about my work during my senior and have since been working towards getting a fine arts degree at San Jose State.

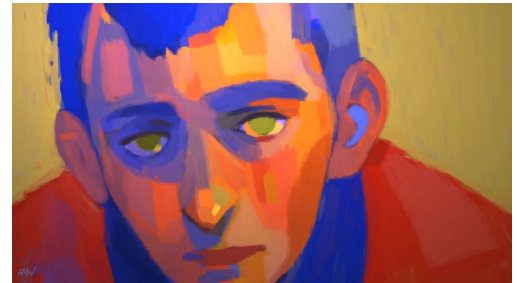
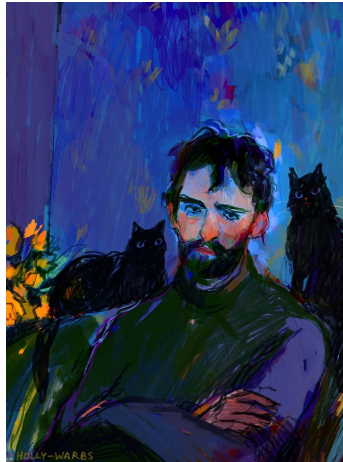
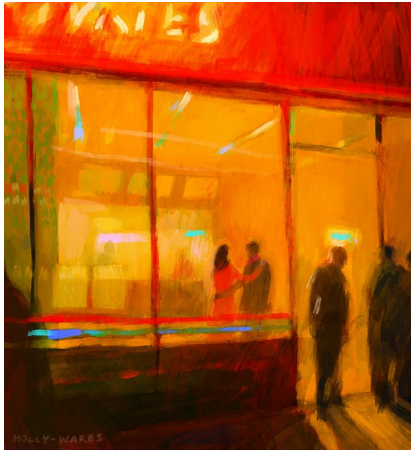
As I have gotten into college and started to work more professionally as an artist my style has changed and I have grown to be more open with trying out different styles of art and mediums of work. I am most used to creating realistic works and capturing images as they occur in real life, but more recently, I have had the urge to break out of that and start working in more abstract ways.

Thanks to my Art 2 teacher, she has taught me about so many artists in the contemporary art category and encourages us to research other artists and to work outside of our comfort zones. I am so thankful for her passion and the hard work she puts into sharing about other artists. Since taking her class I have seen my artwork improve in getting my ideas out onto paper and in the meaning I want it to convey.

Some artists that inspire me with their digital work include Holly Warburton, Petra Eriksson, and Diana Stoyanova.

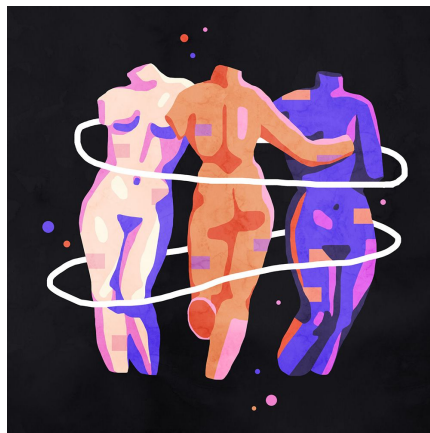
Holly Warburton is an illustrator and animator in the UK. Her illustrations and animations include mainly portraits and landscapes in a colorfully creative palette with fuzzy strokes.

Her website is <https://hollywarbs.com/work>



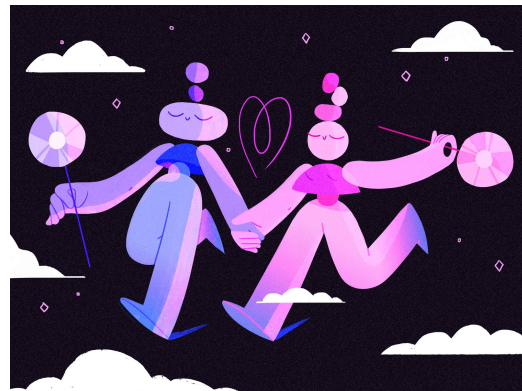
Petra Eriksson is a Swedish illustrator and artist working in Barcelona. Her works include portraits, still life, text illustration, and abstract illustration as well. Her illustrations are very soft and colorful and include more attention to different types of form.

Her website is <https://petraeriksson.com/index.html>

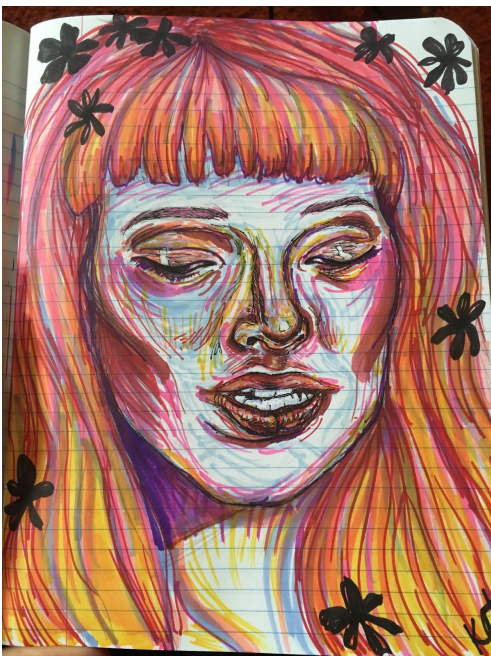
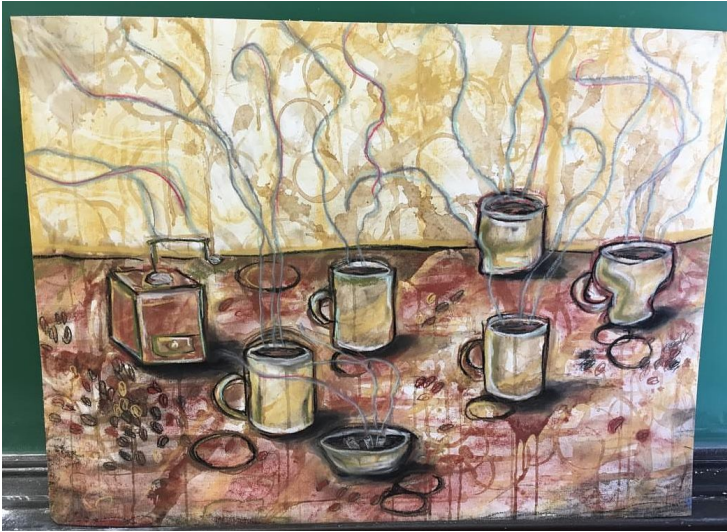


Diana Stoyanova is an illustrator and character designer working in Bulgaria. Her work mostly includes cartoon style portraits of her characters. Her color palette is also not constant as she creates pieces in either black and white, or in color. Her style is also very fluid in the way she expresses the human form.

Her website is <https://dribbble.com/dianaxstoyanova>



In terms of my own work, I create work in many different mediums and styles because I am constantly inspired by many different things.



I am inspired by people, nature, music, my faith, books, poems, and places. My friends are also very artistic and beautiful in their own way, so I try to capture their essence in some of my work.

Also nature, I see so many amazing things in the natural creations of this world. And my work is also inspired so much by my relationship with God and scripture in the Bible. There is a lot of imagery in the Bible and I love expressing how I imagine them to look like.

Some music that I am currently listening to which brings inspiration includes:

“Canvas and Clay” by Pat Barrett

“Another in the Fire” by United

“Never Walk Away” by Elevation Rhythm

And *“Nobody”* by Casting Crowns

These songs have a lot of meaning to me and bring me inspiration because I can relate to them so much. These are all Christian songs which are about the hardships of living in the world and trusting in God over everything. I love these songs when I’m going through a hard time and I need the right words to get me back up on my feet. These songs bring me reassurance and confidence about what is to come and that feeling of joy is what drives my art.

I think that my talents as an artist are a gift and I am supposed to use them for spreading love and goodness to everyone and anyone. This is why I create.