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SKILLS

- Over a decade of illustration experience in a variety of mediums, styles, and programs
- Proficient storyteller, via fully written works, illustrations, both short and long-form comics, and everything in between
- Skilled character creator; experience creating both compelling designs, intriguing personalities, and overall interesting characters
- Competent team member, able to work in small groups, large groups, or independently
- Comfortable communicating both online and in person, through whatever means are available.
 Able to be concise or give more details dependent on the project's needs
- Competent at multitasking and prioritizing appropriately
- Print Making, specialization in screen and intaglio
- Sculpting (primarily polymer clays) and painting, illustrative and on objects

PROGRAM PROFICIENCIES

- Clip Studio Paint (primary)
- Adobe Photoshop (high proficiency)
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe After Effects
- SketchUp

- Krita
- Meshmixer
- Microsoft Office
- Some experience in Blender and Sculpturis; able to learn new programs quickly if needed

WORK HISTORY

Digital Illustrator
Online Illustration/Graphic Commissions (multiple platforms)

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- Create custom digital illustration commissions, ranging from character illustrations to logos to graphics, for globally located customers
- Maintain open, continuous communication with customers at every stage to ensure the final work is perfectly to their liking.
- Organized record keeping of each order, including price, type, date of order and completion date
- Create a wide array of personal work, ranging from illustrations to comics working from fully original personal scripts, collaboratively created scripts, and commissioned scripts; depending on the project.
- Emphasis placed on punctuality and work scheduling to ensure promised completion dates are met
- Mentor junior artists on creative processes through online sessions
- Maintain positive working relationships with customers, as well as other artists and collaborators

Graphic Artist

Hatch Coding

April 2021 – March 2022 Toronto, Ontario

2012 - Present

- · Designed and illustrated various graphics, such as icons, banners, logos, and promotional images
- Created virtual pets and accessories for the pet sim included for students
- Worked efficiently with minimal supervision to create quality work within deadlines
- Able to match very specific guidelines, or improvise and create cohesive, quality, work without much guidance; depending on what the project required
- Flexible schedule, with the ability to work quickly when work is needed urgently
- Although no longer employed here, still often receive smaller freelance projects due to the quality of my work and a desire for updated assets over time

Custom Framing Personal Designer Michaels

April 2022 – August 2022 Guelph, Ontario

- Assisted customers in selecting the appropriate frame, mat/s, glass, and other elements to custom frame their artwork, posters, diplomas, and more
- Provided friendly service and suggestions, using the customers' desires as a guide, and being sure that the
 final product was perfectly suited to their liking in terms of size, style, and price
- Assembled finished frames using Aaron Brother's approved methods and conservation materials
- Cut glass, acrylic, and foam core to appropriate sizes for each piece using the in-house cutter
- Learned to measure artwork accurately and efficiently, as well as the correct amount of overlap needed between image and mat for the image to remain secure
- When custom framing was not suited to the customer, always found an alternative, be it shelf frames and premade mats, or a combination of custom framing elements (ie a custom mat) and off the shelf elements, to
 make sure they were able to preserve and display their treasured pieces
- Maintained tools, materials, and the framing studio space, being sure that all tools were returned to where they came from, and the studio was always cleaner when I left than when I arrived
- When not in the framing studio, performed other store tasks, such as replenishment, recovery, overstock, cleaning, general customer service on the floor, and cashiering

Horseback Trail Guide

Claireville Ranch

May 2014 – September 2022 Brampton, Ontario

- Lead hourly horseback trail rides through the Claireville Conservation area for groups of up to six, and work closely with another guide for groups of up to 20
- Work closely with a small group of trail guides managing 20+ horses and customers, which requires smooth teamwork and cooperation, and the ability to multitask to ensure that varied and ever changing needs are met
- Maintain safety protocols and practices by monitoring customers and horses during each trail ride
- Diffuse potentially dangerous situations between horses and customers with practices instilled through experience and repetition
- Clean and organize the saddle house and horse pens, including cleaning and repairing tack, water troughs and fences to promote animal well-being
- Assist in general grooming, basic wound care and other medical aid, feed preparation and tack fitting for a herd of 20+ horses
- Follow safety-based and successful protocols in the training of seasoned trail horses as well as green broke horses with little to no experience under saddle
- Assist in training of new staff members, as both an experienced rider and long-time trail guide
- Contribute to client retention by consistently providing outstanding customer service to both clients and horses
- Provide top-notch customer service to every customer and exceptional care to all horses

Beneficial Insectary Worker

December 2022 - Present

- Guelph Beneficial Insectary
- Collection, cleaning, and packaging ephestia moth eggs; for sale, and use for as hosts for trichogramma parasitic wasps
- Cleaning of equipment using vacuums, brushes, and power washing equipment
- Lab work with the trichogramma wasps and eggs, including feeding the wasps, collecting the eggs, and calculating the correct volume from each batch for sting stock and sale
- Cooperation with coworkers under high noise, poor visibility conditions (due to airborne dust and hearing protection), using non-verbal communication skills
- Independent time management under changing conditions, with workload dictated by season and fluctuating egg volumes

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VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Student Print Sale University of Guelph (Biannual) 2016 - 2019 Guelph, Ontario

- · Coordinated the set up and take down of displays
- Assisted customers with the purchase and packaging of prints
- Processed POS transactions, including cash and cheques, and provided written receipts for customers
- Kept record of print stock during the sales

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
University of Guelph
Guelph, Ontario

- Majored in Studio Art, Minored in Psychology
- Dean's Honour List, 2016 2020

Ontario Scholar, High School Diploma
Regional Arts Program (Visual Arts), Mayfield Secondary School

June 2016 Caledon, Ontario

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Trick of the Night, Webcomic series (sole creator, writer, and illustrator)

2016 – Present Ongoing webcomic series, with over 400 pages and 2000+ readers. Has been consistently updated one to three times per week on a regular schedule (schedule changes based on other commitments), and maintained and updated alongside both work and school, without sacrificing the quality of the comic or other work, due to skillful time-management. (Currently on hiatus while working towards a comfortable work life balance due to changed life situation, to prevent loss of quality)