

RAQUEL BUMGARNER

FREELANCE NARRATIVE ARTIST

Detail-oriented freelance illustrator passionate about developing expressive, story-driven artwork. Aiming to contribute to projects in publishing and entertainment that require imaginative and distinct visual narratives.

ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE & EXHIBITIONS

Exhibitor | SI MoCCA Arts Fest | New York, NY | 2024, 2025

- ✧ Tabled with Women In Animation
- ✧ Responsible for sales of prints, stickers, and other art by WIA members

2nd Annual Astoria Local Artist Show | Astoria, NY | 2024

- ✧ Featured work: Looking Up Hill, Watercolor on Canvas, 5 x 7 inches

Open Studios Session II | SVA | New York, NY | 2024

- ✧ Set up and take down of works for one day show
- ✧ Presented 6 works and some in process

***Growing Flames* | Fall 2021 Senior Art & Design Show at the Gillespie Gallery | Fairfax, VA | 2021**

- ✧ 2D animated short film exploring the burn out of witches confronted with frequent forest fires
- ✧ Wrote the show's press release

***Sanctuary: The Zines Edition* | Fenwick Gallery at George Mason University | Fairfax, VA | 2021**

- ✧ Featured work: "Oh Snap!" a magic-zine comic chronicling an encounter with an injured snapping turtle a week prior to the pandemic shutting down

Mural Design Lead | The Mural Brigade | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA | 2018 – 2021

- ✧ Collaborated with faculty to design original painted murals to meet their specific needs and goals
- ✧ Directed members and other volunteers to successfully install painted murals
- ✧ Dedicated over 100 hours of mural involvement while collaborating on other projects



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Fluent English & basic Spanish

Skills and technical competencies

- ✧ Project Management
- ✧ Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Illustrator
- ✧ Microsoft Office
- ✧ Clip Studio Paint
- ✧ Blender
- ✧ Rigging 3D models
- ✧ Compositing
- ✧ Risograph Printing
- ✧ Character Design
- ✧ Illustration

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Illustrator | 2017 – present

- ✧ Engage with clients and create commissioned works
- ✧ Website maintenance, marketing, engagement

Swim Instructor | VBGCQ | Astoria, NY | 2025

- ✧ Taught and coached students on swimming at different levels and ages
- ✧ Maintained tidiness of the pool area and equipment

Sales Associate | The Quilter's Studio | Fairfax, VA | 2022 – 2023

- ✧ Assist customers in their fabric selections
- ✧ Open and close store, reconciling register/sales and cleaning the store

Exploration Support Staff | Mason LIFE | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA | 2019 – 2021

- ✧ Supported students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to adapt to the university environment
- ✧ Instructed students across multiple subjects and modified course materials to meet their specific learning needs

EDUCATION

George Mason University | Fairfax, VA | 2017 – 2021

Major: BA in Art and Visual Technology, New Media

Minor: Biology

School of Visual Arts | New York, NY | 2024

Summer Residency: Illustration and Visual Storytelling: Art and Industry

- ✧ Projects focused on forms of visual communication via editorial illustration, comics, and book covers
- ✧ Collaborated with classmates on press release for gallery show

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST