



ILLUSTRATOR / MOTION GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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CONTACT & PORTFOLIO

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SUMMARY

Enthusiastic award-winning multidisciplinary artist with experience in print press production, illustration, motion graphic design, comic art, and zines. Takes initiative with proven expertise in 2D art, animation, and small press printing. Has successfully drawn art for a game manual, a tarot card deck, a self-published comic, and 12+ zines. Builds community with a diverse client base, prioritizing working collaboratively.

EDUCATION

THE ART INSTITUTE OF DALLAS
Bachelors of the Fine Arts (BFA) ('22)
Media Arts and Animation Degree
Motion Graphic Design Focus

SOFTWARE / TOOLS

Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere Pro) (10+ years), Clip Studio Paint EX (8+ years), Blender (1 year), Traditional Drawing / Painting (20+ years)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Drawing, Illustration, Graphic Design, Pre-Press, Digital Print Press Production, Motion Design, Digital Art, Traditional Art, Zines, Self-Publishing, Comic Art, Inking, Color Design, Logo Design, Photography, Editing, Video Production, Character Design, Storyboarding, 2D Animation

SOFT SKILLS

Detail-Oriented, Communicative, Empathetic, Collaborative, Innovative, Problem-Solving, Teaching Art, Fast Learning, Asks Questions, Conscientious, "People Person"

EXPERIENCE

GRAPHIC DESIGNER / PRINT PRODUCTION SPECIALIST

Minuteman Press Frisco | Frisco, TX | SEP 2024-DEC 2024

REFERENCE #: 1-309-533-5885 (Vincy)

Designed and handled media to bring to print for local businesses using Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator, a Xerox Digital Printing Press, a guillotine paper cutter and all other print-shop tools and programs including Flex and Firey Impose.

SOLE PROPIETORSHIP

Ovaettr Art | Denton, TX / Remote | 2017-PRESENT

Over 100+ commission clients. Printed 12+ zines. Illustrated 11 fiends for Sundown RPG by L.A. Wilga. Contributed The Eight of Wands to The Fat Folks Tarot a two-time successfully Kickstarted project with over \$63,825 pitched in by 823 backers for the 2nd print run. Has done 6+ animated Twitch.tv streamer media kits. Increased Instagram reach from under 1k to 2.3k accounts over 6 mo. posting original art.

MOTION DESIGNER / ILLUSTRATOR

Kobold Interactive | WA / Remote | 2022-PRESENT

REFERENCE #: 1-360-640-1205 (Ames)

Pioneered over 5+ original character designs illustrating and animating them including 2 V-Tuber 2D Rigs for streaming.

COMICS AND ANIMATION ARTS EDUCATOR

iLearning (previously K12 Experience)

NYC / Remote | 2021-2023

Created 5 different class structures educating small classes of 2-6 mixed age children grades 4th – 8th over Zoom 1 hour weekly.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER / BALLOON ARTIST / MANAGER

PJ's Party Supply and Rental | Denton, TX | 2007-2016

REFERENCE #: 1-940-391-8213 (June)

Designed multiple graphics, ads, and signage for sales and sections. Creatively crafted balloon arrangements per client request. Helped complete client parties by matching a theme using an artistic eye, colour theory, and a knowledge of hundreds of in-store supplies.

AWARDS

**\$500 Micro-Grant Award for
'The Fox Who Became A Girl.'**
Written by Chloe Bear / Illustrated by Orion Fern
comic project, awarded in Summer 2023
by The Greater Denton Arts Council.
Comic self-published in print August 17th, 2024.

EXHIBITS

**The Dallas Way: Faces of LGBTQ+ History
Art and Archive Exhibit
(9/20/22 – 10/7/22)**
H. Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery at
El Centro Dallas College Campus, Dallas, TX

'Me Is We' Self-Portrait in acrylic paint and
markers.

<https://bit.ly/DallasWayExhibit>

ARTICLE #2 (See every piece here!):

<https://ovaettr.blog/pride-in-dallas/>

**Square-d Community Art Exhibit
(2023 and 2024)
Fundraiser for the UNT Food Pantry
UNT CoLAB Art Gallery, Denton, TX**

(7/7/23-7/29/23)

'Queer Solidarity on the Square'

(2023, acrylic paint)

(8/2/24 – 8/31/24)

'While We Laugh, They Cry,

While We Live, They Die,

Parallel Love; Her and I'

(2024, acrylic paint and red pencil)

<https://bit.ly/squareDartshow>

ARTICLE #2 (See every piece here!):

<https://ovaettr.blog/square-d/>

ARTICLE #3 (Year 2):

<https://bit.ly/SquareDYear2>

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Stephen Steinbach

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Previous Director of The Art Institute of Dallas'
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Roxanne Musick

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Artist, Retired HS Art Teacher, and Mentor

VOLUNTEERING

The Denton Water Project (since 2023) -

Weekly water donations / clean-up of 4 public-
use coolers in community. Designs posters for
recruitment and more.

Zine Workshops on Twitch.tv Streams (since

**2022) - Leads monthly free zine workshops
introducing self-publishing to all ages.**

DFW Mask Bloc (since 2024) - Helps via sticker

**product design and donation of time to facilitate
COVID Consciousness and DFW Community
Care via refilling free mask dispensers and
spreading educational zines on public health.**

Thank you for your time and consideration!