

Orion Fern

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EXPERIENCE

Graphic Designer and Print Production Specialist SEP 2024 – DEC 2024 Minuteman Press / Frisco, TX / 1-309-533-1048

- Designed and handled media to bring to print for local businesses.
- Tools used included 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.

Motion Designer and Illustrator 2022 – Present Kobold Interactive / (Remote, On Call) / 1-360-640-1205

- Pioneered over 5+ original characters fully designed from the ground up and illustrated for Ames' projects.
- Fully designed 2 different iterations of a full character V-Tubing rig for Ames' main character, used while streaming live, using animation and Live2D rigging skills.

Sole Proprietorship 2017 – Present Ovaettr Art / Denton, TX / (Hybrid)

- Illustrated 11 fiend designs for Sundown RPG by L.A. Wilga in 2019 using Photoshop.
- Illustrated the Eight of Wands using Photoshop for the Fat Folks Tarot, a two-time funded Kickstarter featuring all fat body-positive artists. The 2nd printing had 823 backers pledging \$63,825 to help bring the project to life.
- 6+ Twitch Streamer Media Kits designed and animated for streamers, increasing their reach and follower count.
- 10+ written, drawn, self-published zines created and sold at over 10+ reoccurring trade shows with vendors in the DFW area or online.

Arts Educator (Comics, Zines, Animation) 2021 – 2023 iLearning (previously K12 Experience) / (Remote) / 1-718-218-5966

- Educated small classes of 2-6 children of mixed age groups between 4th - 8th grade using Zoom for 1 hr weekly.
- Developed 6 tiers of comic classes (3 beginners and 3 intermediate), 1 basic 2D animation class, and 1 character design class.

Art and Craft Store Associate 2019 – 2020 JoAnn Craft Stores / Denton, TX

- Used previous knowledge and experience using over 100 types of craft and art supplies, assisting customers with picking the right tools for their own creative projects.

In-House Graphic Designer, Balloon Artist and Manager 2007 – 2017 PJ's Party Supply / Denton, TX / 1-940-391-8213

- Sculpted balloon arrangements using multiple sizes / types of balloons, including arches and table-standing decor.
- Hand-drew countless signage pieces for the shop, using graphic design skills in a traditional medium with paint / markers.
- Used artistic skills to merge customer ideas with existing products, matching and color coordinating decor based on themes.

AWARDS

Awarded a **\$500 micro-grant by the Greater Denton Arts Council in 2023**, covering the first one hundred copies printed of *THE FOX WHO BECAME A GIRL*. Self-published original comic written by Chloe Bear; illustrated and book designed fully by Orion Fern using traditional drawing methods of ink and watercolor. Printed by KENESS and released 8/17/24.

EDUCATION

The Art Institute of Dallas (TX) Graduated July 8th, 2022.

Media Arts and Animation (BFA)

- Focus on Motion Graphic Design and Character Design
- Leadership Roles: 'The Super Posh Club' TV Series Pitch Project, Lead Character Designer + Director

SKILLS

Software: Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects, Audition, Premiere Pro) (10+ years), Clip Studio Paint (5+ years), Blender (1+ year), MS Office (10+ years)

Hard Skills: Typography, Comic Art Design, Graphic Design, Motion Design, Illustration, Photography, Storyboarding, Digital Art, Traditional Art, Drawing, 2D Animation, Editing, Logo Design, Character Design, Zine Creation, Self-Publishing, Animation, Video Production

Soft Skills: Communication, Detail Oriented, Collaboration, Innovation, Organized, Networking, Teaching Art (2+ years), "People Person"

VOLUNTEERING

The Denton Water Project (since 2023) - Weekly water donations / clean-up of public-use coolers in community. Designed posters.

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 product design and donation of time to facilitate COVID Consciousness and DFW Community Care.

EXHIBITS

The Dallas Way: Faces of LGBTQ+ History Art & Archive Exhibit (9/20 – 10/7, 2022) – *'Me Is We'* Acrylic Self-Portrait
H. Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery at El Centro Dallas College Campus, Dallas, TX

The square-d Community Art Exhibit Benefitting UNT Food Pantry (7/7 – 7/29, 2023) – *'Queer Solidarity on the Square'* Acrylic Portraiture 12" x 12"

(8/2 – 8/31, 2024) – ‘While We Laugh, They Cry, While We Live, They Die, Parallel Love; Her and I’ Acrylic Portraiture 6” x 6”
The UNT CoLAB, Denton, TX

The Nerd Adjacent Art Show (9/20 – 10/7, 2022) – ‘Genderfluid Zelda / Shiek’ Ink & Colored Pencil Illustration Diptych
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