

STORMI MELDER

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CARTOONIST, ILLUSTRATOR AND TEACHER

A self-motivated, hardworking cartoonist enthusiastically driven by passion and dedication seeks to bring professional skills and diligent work ethic to a professional comic publishing company. 5 years experience as a freelance artist with a self-published title and work featured in *VoyageATL Magazine* and *Clowngirl Horror Magazine*; 4 years experience as a comic convention and local art festival exhibitor; and 8 years experience working as an art teacher in after-school programs, summer programs, private lessons, and events, working with students ages 5 through 30s. With background in a variety of different artistic fields such as illustration, sequential art, graphic design, costume design, paper craft, doll making, and more. Has the skills, diligence, and drive needed to make an effective team member.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Cartooning and Storytelling
 - Self-Motivated Projects
 - Classroom Instruction
 - Classroom Management
 - Book and Product Sales
 - Print & Online Comics/Cartoons
 - Deadline Management
 - Creative Problem Solving
 - Self-Starting
 - Creative Business-Oriented
 - Character/Costume Design
 - Environment Design
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Over the course of my career and education I have gained many skills in cartooning, illustration, teaching, and sales that are readily transferrable across industries and roles. Please consider the following highlights:

CARTOONING/ILLUSTRATION

- 2019— Self-Published comic strip series *I'm Not a Robot*.
- 2019— Published in Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Anthology *The World We Live In*.
- Featured in both local and international online publications such as *VoyageATL Magazine* and *Clowngirl Horror Magazine*.
- 4 years experience as an art exhibitor in local art festivals and Southeastern comic conventions such as Heroescon, Oak City Comic Convention (Raleigh Comic Convention), Atlanta Comic Convention, and more.
- 5 years experience as a freelance artist through both online and face-to-face networking.
- Unique takes on Cartooning and Illustration through the creation and sales of paper dolls, trading cards, illustrated/painted clothing items, felt/clay dolls, and much more.
- Strong storytelling knowledge, and dedication to creative and technically satisfying stories.
- Deadline-oriented art student proficient in multitasking while maintaining the output of high quality work.

TEACHING

- 8 years experience working with schools, churches, event coordinators, and parents to teach, plan, and host art classes.
- Strong record of teaching students of ages 5 through 30s.
- Professional experience working Licensed Clinical Social Worker's art programs for special-needs children.
- Proficient in teaching a wide variety of art subjects that include drawing, painting, sculpting, collage, merchandise-making, paper craft, and more.
- Professional experience working with Art a la Cart and Terrific Scientific Kid's Activity Camps.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student - Savannah College of Art and Design (2016-Present)
Art Exhibitor - Various Comic Conventions and Festivals (2016-Present)
Freelance Artist - (2015-Present)
Art Teacher - Redeemer's House (2012-2018)
Art and Science Teacher - Art a La Cart and Terrific Scientific (2017)
Art Exhibitor - Marietta Art Walk (2016)
Sales Associate - Marina Marina Antiques (2015)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Art. Sequential Art (Illustration Minor) - Savannah College of Art and Design (2016-Expected Graduation: 2021)