

TARA JEAN MURPHY

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A dedicated and talented fine artist seeking opportunities to exhibit artwork in galleries and participate in artist residencies. Offering a diverse range of artistic skills and a passion for creating thought-provoking and visually compelling artwork.

Education

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art, Minor in Drawing The University of Akron, Akron, OH, 2020

Honors & Awards

- 2019 School of Art Studio Scholarship
- 2017 Folk Charitable Foundation Venice Biennale Scholarship
- 2017 Griffin Honorable Mention Myers Art Studio Scholarship
- 2016 Myers Gold Gillette Art Studio Scholarship
- Dean's List, 2016, 2017

Work Experience

- 2022-Present: Self-Employed Artist
 - Established and manage an independent art business, selling artwork online and at local art fairs.
 - Participate in art fairs such as the Allentown Night Market, Vandergrift Art Fair, and BitchCraft.
 - Offer a range of products including high-quality giclée art prints, original pieces, stickers, and postcards.
 - Create and maintain an online presence to showcase and sell artwork.
 - Handle customer inquiries, sales transactions, and shipping logistics.
- 2021-2022: Freelance Illustrator, Dorrance Publishing Company
 - Collaborated with design editor to create illustrations for books.
 - Produced artwork using watercolor and digital mediums.

Exhibitions

- 2023 Misfit Toys, The Streets On Carson, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2023 Primaries, Red Fish Bowl, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2023 Anime & Illustration, Ketchup City Creative, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2019 Sketchbook Show, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2019 Annual Scholarship Show, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2017 81st Annual Student Juried Exhibition, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2017 Scholarship Show, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2017 His Inner Portrait, Projects Gallery, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH (Solo Show)
- 2016 Form of Color, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2016 Static Flux, Akrona Galleries, Akron, OH
- 2016 Scholarship Show, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH
- 2016 80th Annual Student Juried Exhibition, Myers School of Art, Akron, OH

Publications

- 2022 Unstamatic, Unconditional Acceptance
- 2020 Central Dissent Journal,
- 2020 The Minute Hour, Volume 2 Issue 8
- 2018 Akron's Buchtelite Newspaper

Additional Skills

- Proficient in water-based media, acrylic and oil paint, linocut prints, and various artistic materials.
- Strong ability to conceptualize and execute visually
- Familiarity with mixed media approaches
- Strong observational and drawing skills
- Ability to work independently and meet project deadlines
- Experience in creating artwork with a focus on self-perception and introspection

References Available Upon Request