

Zoe Papas

Fine Artist | Teacher | Designer

Contact Information

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Education

MA in Studio Art from the Florence Academy of Art: August 2023

- Focuses on learning atelier methods and how to apply them in art education
- Learned from highly accomplished artists including Juliette Aristides, a renowned realist painter and author, and Ricky Mujica, a masterful representational painter

BFA in Studio Art, drawing and illustration from the University of Central Florida: May 2016

- Art History and Business minors from the Burnett Honors College
- Received Pegasus Gold Scholarship

Work Experience

Drawing Instructor at Dunedin Fine Arts Center: April 2017 – now

- Teaches drawing classes to adults and a watercolor class to teens
- Teaches classical atelier techniques to adults in her drawing classes

Drawing Instructor at Illumina: September 2023 – now

- Teaches middle school children classical art techniques in both drawing and oil painting

Graphic and Layout Designer at Lotus Design LLC: January 2022 – now

- Creates and adapts graphics for large-scale vinyl prints
- Uses Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator

Designer/Assistant at Preferred Custom Printing: February 2018 – January 2022

- Designed products, logos, signs, and online ads using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator
- Worked with customers to meet their fine art printing and sublimation printing needs

Architectural Intern at Inside Out Group and Construction: 2016 – 2017

- Created architectural plans in AutoCAD

United Arts of Central Florida Intern: May 2014 – July 2014

- Prepared and organized data on Microsoft Excel on past grants to present to future grantees
- Set up and participated in conferences, met grantees, and visited sites

Art Awards

Best of Show, Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival: March 2024

Award of Distinction, Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival: March 2023

2-Dimensional Award, Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival: March 2022

Creative Pinellas Emerging Artist Grant: November 2019 – May 2020

- Mentored by Kevin Grass during grant period

Award of Merit, Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival: March 2019

Award of Excellence, Mainsail Art Festival: April 2018

2-Dimensional Award, Tarpon Springs Fine Art Festival: March 2018

Award of Excellence, Art Harvest: November 2017

Art Exhibitions

Go Figure!, 2024, Tully Levine Gallery, St. Pete, FL

Arts Annual Discovery, 2023, Creative Pinellas Gallery, Largo, FL

- Fundraising exhibit for Creative Pinellas

#SMF, 2018-2023, Faculty Gallery, Dunedin Fine Arts Center, Dunedin, FL

- Annual exhibition showcasing art by students, members, and faculty at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center I have been participating in for 6 years

Arts Annual, 2021, Creative Pinellas Gallery, Largo, FL

- Fundraising exhibit for Creative Pinellas

Emerging Artist Exhibit, 2020, Creative Pinellas Gallery, Largo, FL

- Culmination of the Creative Pinellas Emerging Artist grant program

Strike a Pose, 2020, Old Hyde Park Art Center, Tampa, FL

- Figurative art show

Emergence, 2017, City Arts Factory, Orlando, FL

- Exhibition highlighting emerging, young artists

33, 2016, UCF Gallery, Orlando, FL

- Culmination of my BFA degree at the University of Central Florida