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ARTIST BIO

A Visual Journey

Aleksandra Rodneva is an artist born in Russia, Vladikavkaz, and practicing in North York, Ontario. While growing up in a small town at the foot of the mountains and listening to the local folklore Aleksandra developed passion for creating visual images and telling stories. At the age of ten she had joined S. D. Tavasiev Municipal Children's Art school, and after graduating took a six-month course of preparation for the faculty of architecture. Later, she has begun to take lessons from a local practicing artist. She applied her skills to create vibrant artworks depicting nature landscapes as well as fantasy and mythology. In 2017, she moved to Canada, enrolled in the course of Art and Design fundamentals where she explored more media to create art, and graduated with honors. Later she joined Fine Arts Studio at Centennial College, Toronto where she explored how to express herself and how to find a good use of her talent, learning from wonderful teachers and classmates at Centennial College. Aleksandra participated in multiple group exhibitions, group art installations and gained experience at professional art field. After completing the program, she started to work on her own graphic novel. Currently she continues to master her skills at OCADU for her future career.

Profile

A multidisciplinary artist with a passion for creating visual artwork. Traditional, mixed media and digital drawing and painting are her primary practises, with an extra interest in 2D animation, storyboarding, comic and illustration.

Aleksandra has pursued an extensive education in the Fine Arts environment, holding a Diploma in Fine Arts and Certificate in Art & Design Fundamentals at Centennial College Story Arts Centre. Furthermore, she has advanced her skills by continuing her education on BFA program Drawing and Painting: Extended Animation at OCADU.

Aleksandra participated in multiple group exhibitions, group art Installation for Scarborough Hero Awards and illustrated online textbooks.

Education

2021-2024 BFA in Fine Arts, Major in Drawing & Painting

Specializations: Expanded Animation

Department of Faculty of Art
OCAD University, Toronto, ON

2019- 2021 Ontario College Diploma in Fine Arts Studio
Department of Fine Arts
Centennial College, Toronto, ON

2018-2019 Ontario College Certificate in Art and Design Fundamentals
Department of Fine Art
Centennial College, Toronto, ON

Grants and Awards

2018-2021 Story Arts Centre Equipment and Supplies bursary

Exhibitions

2022 **16th Annual TAIS Animation Showcase**, ANYJAM, The Royal Theatre, Toronto, ON

2021 **Group Exhibition**, The Show About Stories, Gerrard Art Space Gallery, Toronto, ON

2021 Community Art Installation, Neighbourhood Garden, Scarborough Anchor Institutions, Scarborough and Toronto, ON

2021 **Online Digital Book Group Exhibition** See Saw, Flipsnack.com,

2021 **Group Exhibition** See Saw (Online Group Exhibition), Leslie Grove Gallery, Toronto, ON

2020 **Group Exhibition**, Metamorphosis, Urban Gallery, Toronto, ON

2020 **Group Exhibition**, *FASSIE EXPRESS*, Centennial College, Toronto, ON

Commissions

2021 photography and drawings for group art installation for the Scarborough Hero Awards

2021 Illustration commission for Global Citizenship: From Social Analysis to Social Action (GNED 500)

2020 Illustration commission Academic Plan 2021-2025 Building Leaders and Changemakers

Job experience

Student monitor at OCAD U (Oct 2021 – present)

Art gallery assistant at ARTA gallery (Feb 2023 – Apr 2023)

Animation assistant for Trillium Grieving Project (Feb 2023 – present)

Illustration (freelance) (May 2020 - Jun 2021)

Languages

English, Russian

Technical skills

Painting (gouache, acrylic, oil)

Drawing (graphite, charcoal, chalk, sepia, sanguine, color pencils, watercolor, ink)

Digital media (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Corel Painter)

Sculpting (clay, wire, polymer clay, paper mache, gypsum, wax)