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## SUMMARY

My specialty as an interdisciplinary artist is to transform complex ideas into concise, engaging experiences. My work thrives at the intersection of creative research and experimentation, where exploration leads to meaningful results. I'm a self-starter with an insatiable work ethic, driven by curiosity and grounded in empathy. Detail-oriented by nature, I value both leading initiatives and collaborating as part of a team to exceed organizational goals.

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## SKILLS

Animation, audio/video editing, digital marketing, graphic design, illustration, studio lighting, photography, printmaking, electronic music, UI/UX support, and videography.

## SOFTWARE

Adobe After Effects, Express, Illustrator, Lightroom Classic, Premier, and Photoshop; Dragonframe, Google Workspace, Hootsuite, MailChimp, ProCreate, iMovie, Logic Pro X, WIX, and Wordpress.

## TOOLS

Canon and Nikon DSLR cameras and accessories, downshooter setups, Interfit Studio Lighting, Korg microKORG, NuArc exposure units, macOS and Windows PC.

## EXPERIENCE

2023 - 2026 | REI Co-op

**Sales Associate & Visual Merchandising**  
Framingham, MA.

Partnering with leadership to execute product movement and maintain up-to-date visual floor sets per HQ; member of the Culture Committee.

2023 - 2025 | University Museum of Contemporary Art

**Museum Attendant**  
Amherst, MA.

Visitor reception, exhibition education, monitoring works of art, and assistance during exclusive events.

2017 - 2020 | Hail Yourself! Metalzine

**Creative Director & Owner**  
San Luis Obispo, CA.

Established publication distribution through paid advertising and B2B collaborations; curated branding, digital marketing, printing and publication oversight, and podcast production.

## EDUCATION

2023 - 2025 | University of Massachusetts Amherst

**BFA Art & Design, Commonwealth Honors**  
Amherst, MA.

Interdisciplinary with concentrations in animation, exhibition curation, graphic design, photography, printmaking, and videography; art history minor.

2021 - 2023 | Cuesta College

**Studio Arts**

San Luis Obispo, CA.

Analog and digital photography with emphasis on studio lighting and digital compositing; art history and creative writing.



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## HONORS

- 2025 Humanities and Fine Arts Dean's List, UMass Amherst  
"All Ages", Commonwealth Honors College Creative Activity Grant, \$900  
UMass Department of Art Honorarium, the *Wall @ SAB*, \$200  
"Sea to Sky", mural collaboration, IASC Conference, \$1,000  
"La Petite Mort", Twenty-First Arts Worcester Biennial, Honorable Mention  
Annaliese Bischoff Honors Scholarship, \$1,000  
HFA Dean's Undergraduate Scholarship & Research Fund, \$1,000
- 2024 Humanities and Fine Arts Dean's List, UMass Amherst  
"Choice", Robert and Nancy Gordon Scholarship in Fine Arts, \$4,000  
Henry and Jean Hall Humanities and Fine Arts Scholarship, \$1,400
- 2023 Humanities and Fine Arts Dean's List, UMass Amherst
- 2022 Frank A. "Tony" Sprague Award in Digital Photography, \$100
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## CURATORIAL

- 2025 *Illusions of Certainty*, UMass Student Union Art Gallery, Amherst, MA.

## FILMOGRAPHY

- 2026 *My Univeristy Muses* (currently in production), documentary film short with original music.
- 2025 *The Juniper Tree*, crankie box and live puppet show collaboration.  
*Who's Janice?*, documentary film short.  
*All Ages*, promotional trailer.  
*Space Crime*, animation collaboration.  
*Weeds*, stop-motion animation.  
*La Petite Mort*, video art.
- 2024 *Road Kill*, stop-motion animation.  
*All that we see or seem...*, stop-motion animation.
- 2020 *Easter Sunday*, film short.



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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 “Replica #5.4.86”, *Staying With The Trouble*, Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst, MA.  
“Rebel Yell(ow)”, *Small Works*, ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA.
- 2025 “La Petite Mort”, UMass Art Awards and Exhibition, Amherst, MA.  
*ArtsWorcester Twenty-First Biennial*, Worcester, MA.  
*OPTIC*, Hampden Gallery, Amherst, MA.
- 2024 “Choice”, *Stay, Awaken, and Make Whole*, Herter Gallery, Amherst, MA.  
UMass Art Awards and Exhibition, Amherst, MA.
- 2022 “Monochromatic,” Cuesta Exhibition, Harold J. Miozzi Art Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA.

## INTERVIEWS

- 2021 “From the Underground”, Halloween Episode, *Metalicious*, Metal Devastation Radio
- 2020 “Ghouls!” Episode 1, *The Final Ghouls Podcast*

## PRESS ACCESS

- 2019 Topeka Metal Fest, Historic Jayhawk Theater, Topeka, KS.  
Metal Swap Meet, Setting Sun Sake, San Diego, CA.  
Helsinki Death Fest, Ääniwalli, Helsinki, FI.  
Stygian Rites Festival, Kickstand Campground, Sturgis, SD.  
Northeast Dungeon Siege, The Raven, Worcester, MA.
- 2018 California Death Fest IV, Oakland Metro, Oakland, CA.  
Decibel Metal & Beer Fest, The Wiltern, Los Angeles, CA.  
Inferno Festival, Rockefeller Music Hall, Oslo, NO.  
Central Coast Craft Beer Fest, Sunken Gardens, Atascadero, CA.  
Central Coast Music Con, Tooth & Nail Winery, Paso Robles, CA.



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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 "Take your black metal thrashing under Mortii's' dungeon synth at The Grad," *New Times*, San Luis Obispo, CA.
- 2019 *Hail Yourself! Metalzine*, Issue 3, San Luis Obispo, CA.
- 2019 "Heshers Unite for Mid-State Metal Fest," *New Times*, San Luis Obispo, CA.
- 2018 *Hail Yourself! Metalzine*, Issue 2, San Luis Obispo, CA.  
*Hail Yourself! Metalzine*, Issue 1, San Luis Obispo, CA.

## SCREENINGS

- 2026 "My University Muses" Trailer, UMass Animated Film Festival, Amherst, MA.  
"Space Crime", Five College Film Festival, Amherst, MA
- 2025 "Weeds", UMass Animated Film Festival, Amherst, MA.  
"Who's Janice?", Moving Image Seminar, Amherst, MA.
- 2024 "Road Kill", UMass Animated Film Festival, Amherst, MA.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 "All Ages", UMass Student Union Art Gallery, Amherst, MA.  
"Material Surrealism #1", UMass Department of Art, Amherst, MA.

## VOLUNTEER

- 2026 Guest Artist as Miniatura Artchemy, Dungeon Skirmish, Worcester, MA.
- 2025 Talent Scout, Hampshire Mall Project, Hadley, MA.
- 2024 Trail Guide, Northeast Dungeon Siege, Worcester, MA.
- 2023 Guest Artist, Bangs Community Center, Amherst, MA.  
Artist Liaison, Northeast Dungeon Siege, Worcester, MA.
- 2019 Fundraiser, *Hail Yourself! Metalzine*, 40 Prado Homeless Shelter, San Luis Obispo, CA.