

MARI TAKEYAMA

A creature-loving, multi-faceted **2D ARTIST** who's passionate about making art that entertains and educates.

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EXPERIENCE

Studio H Fine Art (Irvine, CA) — *Art Instructor*

JANUARY 2014 - PRESENT

- Instructs professional portfolio development for college art students and art college applicants
- Also teaches advanced sketching and drawing fundamentals classes, plus digital art foundations, digital character & creature design and digital illustration & visual storytelling

IDW Publishing (San Diego, CA) — *Character Illustrator*

FEBRUARY 2020 - SEPTEMBER 2022

- Color Artist for unannounced, licensed "G.I. Joe" comic book cover
- Touch-up Artist for "Sonic the Hedgehog: Imposter Syndrome #1" exclusive online comic cover
- Created art in a variety of styles for multiple board game titles, including "Batman: The Animated Series - Shadow of the Bat" and "Galaxy Hunters"

StandWithUs (Los Angeles, CA) — *Illustrator*

MARCH - APRIL 2020

- Painted storyboard-like depictions of the narrator's journey and his stand against anti-Semitism for the short documentary film, "Minority of One"

Freelance (Southern California) — *Visual Development Artist*

MARCH 2010 - MARCH 2020

- Contracted with a wide range of companies, including Thermaltake U.S.A., Helen Bamber Foundation and various independent film groups
- Specialized in concept art, illustration and storyboarding with experience in vector infographics, print graphic design and art departments for short films

Self-employed (Orange County, CA) — *Portrait Artist*

JUNE 2008 - OCTOBER 2018

- Illustrated a series of portraits, including Japanese Visual-Kei musicians to help educate local communities about Japanese culture

EDUCATION

Chapman University (Orange, CA) — *B.A. in Art, Cum Laude Honors*

AUGUST 2007 - JANUARY 2012

Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences + Dodge College of Film & Media Arts

SKILLS

Flexible art style with specialization in realism

Classically trained in drawing & painting

Comfortable working independently & remotely

Thorough communicator, organized & detail-oriented

Creative problem-solver

Adobe Photoshop & Autodesk Sketchbook, plus various mobile apps

PC, MAC & Wacom

Google Workspace & Zoom

ACHIEVEMENTS

Career Guest Speaker at Orange County School of the Arts' Expressive Arts II Class (2020 & 2022)

Irvine Unified School District Visual Arts Judge for National PTA's "Reflections" Contest (2015, 2017 & 2018)

Portfolio Critic at Chapman University's Student Networking Events (2013)

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)