

Karina Spataru-Toma

A passionate creative looking to inspire others through beautiful and impactful art. I want to reach people through the art of video games and create interactive art that will move the player.

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EXPERIENCE

Art Instructor — *The Art Place at Mountain View*

APR 2024 — PRESENT

- Teach portraiture to teenagers ages 13–18.
- Create class curriculum, build students' observational skills and drawing techniques, create promotional material to advertise class, instruct the group while providing individual feedback, organize and manage the classroom, facilitate constructive peer critiques and feedback, and effectively communicate with administration, parents, and students.

Art Instructor — *Abernathy Arts Center*

SEP 2022 — PRESENT

- Teach after-school drawing and painting fundamental classes to 70+ students per school year to children ages 8–13.
- Teach weekly intensive art camps to children ages 8–13 during the summers of 2023 and 2024.
- Develop engaging lesson plans, organize and manage the classroom, encourage supportive peer feedback, and effectively communicate with administration, parents, and students.

Freelance Artist

SEP 2018 — PRESENT

- Provide a wide range of art-related services while communicating with clients and delivering artwork on time.
- Create portraits of people and pets for commissioners.
- Vend and sell art at art and community festivals and draw live art demonstrations at events.
- Compete in artist calls and art competitions.
- Nurture a social media following across multiple social media platforms, self-promote art, stay up to date with current trends, and update content regularly.

Artist Instructor Assistant

SEP 2016 — PRESENT

- Assist the artist at art festivals, live painting events, art demos, art classes, mural projects, galleries, etc., and help with marketing, setup, clean up, transporting art, and any other needs.

VOLUNTEERING

Demonstration Chair — *Georgia Watercolor Society*

JAN 2022 - JAN 2023

- Organized and hosted live art demonstration events in-person and virtually, reserved venues, created marketing material to promote demos on social media, fundraised money, organized cash, and prepared catering.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts BFA — *Kennesaw State University*

KENNESAW, GA

AUG 2020 — MAY 2024

SKILLS

- ★ Art and Design
- ★ Illustration
- ★ Visual Development
- ★ Concept Art
- ★ Character Art
- ★ Environmental Art
- ★ Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign)
- ★ Clip Studio Paint
- ★ Procreate

AWARDS

Certificate of Excellence - International Portrait Competition Issued by Portrait Society of America · Mar 2023

1st Place - Quinlan Visual Art Center 76th Members' Show Issued by Quinlan Visual Arts Center · Oct 2023

LANGUAGES

English, Romanian