

MARIANA BELTRAN

~ ILLUSTRATOR, SEQUENTIAL ARTIST ~



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A passionate and dedicated illustrator and sequential artist with a focus and experience in storyboards, character design, and other development for animation and film.

EDUCATION

2021 - 2025 • Winthrop University

Bachelor of Design - Visual Communication with a minor in Film and Content Production

- Margaret Fant Lipscomb Endowed Scholarship (2024)
- Dean's and President's List (2021 - 2025)

COURSEWORK

2023 VCOM 420 • Graphic Novels and Sequential Art

- Learned the different formats and methods for storytelling in comics and graphic novels.
- Developed and printed an original 16-page graphic novel for the end of the semester.

2023 VCOM 324 • World Building

- Learned what a world must have to balance fantastical elements with a believable setting
- Practiced drawing backgrounds, characters, and props while developing a narrative presented as an art book
- Developed a flip book and series of storyboards

2023 VCOM 325 • Character Design (Portraiture)

- Learned about character archetypes, parts of a story, and shape language to incorporate into characters created throughout the semester. There were 2 character prompts per week.

EXPERIENCE

2021 - 2025 The Johnsonian at Winthrop University • Rock Hill, SC Comic Artist

- Sketched and developed short comics and sequential art for the newspaper every week.

2024 - 2025 Stardust to Stardust: An Animated Short Film • Rock Hill, SC Director and Animator

- Designed characters, wrote the screenplay, and animated the short film with Procreate Dreams

SKILLS

Writing and Visual Development Programs • Procreate, Procreate Dreams, Storyboarder, Celtx, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Audition, Adobe Premiere, Nomad Sculpt

Project Completion • Time Management, Organization, Collaboration, Communication, Brainstorming, and Critique

AWARDS

1st place in Oral Presentations for SOURCE (*Stardust to Stardust: An Animated Short Film*) • 2025

Outstanding Senior Award (Design Department) • 2025

South Carolina Press Association Award Nominee - Best Comic • 2025