

**Artist CV**  
**Donna Letterese**

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**EDUCATION**

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**California State University at Fullerton.** Fullerton, CA. MFA in Visual Art, January 2022.

Concentration: Illustration. GPA: 4.0. Graduate Academic Honors.

**Sarah Lawrence College.** Bronxville, NY. BA, May 2006.

Concentration: Art, Psychology/Dramatic Writing. GPA: 3.8.

**Goldsmith's College University of London.** London, United Kingdom. Semester Abroad, January to June, 2005.

Concentration: Painting/Comics, Psychology. GPA: 3.8.

**ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK**

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**Washington Native Plant Society. (Continuing Education in Botanical Illustration).** Zoom.

Continuing Ed. Courses, January 2022-Present.

Courses: "Fundamentals of Botanical Drawing in Colored Pencil," "Botanical Drawing with Colored Pencils: Achieving the Realistic Surface Textures of Fruits," "Drawing the Alpine Wildflowers of Washington (from photographs) Series 1 and Series 2," all taught by instructor Crystal Shin. Grade: Non-Graded Class.

**The Animation Guild.** Burbank, CA. Continuing Education Classes at Professional Animation Guild/School.

Course taken June to August, 2019.

Course Completed: "Gesture Drawing." Grade: Non-Graded Class.

Courses taken June to August, 2017.

Course Completed: "Head, Hands, and Feet Drawing." Grade: Non-Graded Class.

**Otis College of Art and Design (Continuing Education at the L.A. County Arboretum).** Arcadia, CA. Continuing Ed. Courses.

Course taken February to April 2018; September to November, 2017; February to April, 2017.

Courses Completed: "Graphite I For Botanical Illustration."

Same course taken three times, with additional advanced assignments each subsequent time. Grade: A

**L.A. County Arboretum Art Program (Continuing Education at the L.A. County Arboretum).** Arcadia, CA. Continuing Ed.

Courses, January to March, 2018.

Courses: "Botanical Art and Illustration with Botanical Illustrator Cristina Baltayian." Class emphasis on plant observation, drawing, composition, and color theory and matching, exploring graphite, pen and ink, and color pencil on vellum. Primary emphasis placed upon color pencil. Grade: Non-Graded Class.

**Art Center College of Design (At Night).** Pasadena, CA. Continuing Ed.

Course taken January to May, 2015.

Course Completed: "Contemporary Illustration Concepts." Grade: A

Course taken June to August, 2015.

Courses Completed: "Writing and Illustrating Books for Children." Grade: Non-Graded Class

**Los Angeles City College (LACC).** Los Angeles, CA. Continuing Education Classes for Undergraduate Credit.

Courses, February to May, 2009.

Courses Completed: "Acrylic Painting I." Grade: A

"Introduction to Printmaking." Grade: A

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

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**2021. Duff Gallery, California State University at Fullerton:** "The Only Way Out is Through." MFA Thesis Exhibition. Fullerton, CA.

**2016. Pop Boba Gallery:** "Of Inky Cities and Colorful Creatures." Torrance CA.

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

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**2023. BIMA Spotlight:** Upcoming juried group exhibition at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art scheduled for June 2023, and the Museum's first ever juried group exhibition of Puget Sound area artists (in accordance with BIMA's tenth Anniversary celebrations). Bainbridge Island, WA.

**2022. The Gallery at Heimbold Visual Arts Center, Sarah Lawrence College:** "Alumni Reunion Show," group exhibition. Bronxville, NY.

**2020. Orange County Museum of Contemporary Art (OCCCA):** "OCCCA@40: Celebrating 40 Years," online juried group exhibition for OCCCA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition. Santa Ana, CA.

**2020. Santa Clarita Arts:** "Art In Isolation: A Special Group Virtual Exhibition Related to the Current Quarantine," online juried group exhibition. Santa Clarita, CA.

**2019. Hive Gallery and Studios:** "Line Attack 8," one of the artists with a featured artist wall. Los Angeles, CA.

**2018. Freedman Gallery, CSU Fullerton:** "Digital Kaleidoscope: An MFA Group Exhibition." Fullerton, CA.

**2018. Pollak Library, CSU Fullerton:** "The Frankenstein Meme Exhibition," juried group exhibition. Fullerton, CA.

**2018. Barnsdall Junior Art Center Gallery:** "California: Height - Width - Depth: Faculty Exhibition." Los Angeles, CA.

**2017. Barnsdall Junior Art Center Gallery:** "Then and Now: 50th Anniversary Faculty Exhibition." Los Angeles, CA.

**2016. Pop Boba Gallery:** "The Halloween Show." Torrance, CA.

**2016. Barnsdall Junior Art Center Gallery:** "The Dia De Los Muertos Exhibition." Los Angeles, CA.

**2016. Avenue 50 Studio, Light and Lively:** "A Dia De Los Muertos Exhibition," juried group exhibition. Los Angeles, CA.

2016. **Hive Gallery and Studios:** "Line Attack 5." Los Angeles, CA.
2015. **Hive Gallery and Studios:** "Visions." Los Angeles, CA.
2015. **Hive Gallery and Studios:** "Jedi July." Los Angeles, CA.
2015. **Barnsdall Junior Art Center Gallery:** "Faculty Art Exhibition." Los Angeles, CA.
2014. **Modern Pinball NYC:** "Modern Pinball Art Show at the MoCCA Art Festival," juried group exhibition. New York, NY.
2014. **Cookies and Cream Ice Cream Parlour and Gallery:** "The Versus Show." South Pasadena, CA.
2014. **Cookies and Cream Ice Cream Parlour and Gallery:** "Fluffie Fuzzy Cuddly Baddies." South Pasadena, CA.
2013. **Gallery Mini:** "The NOIR Show." Portland, OR.
2013. **Cultural Alliance of Long Beach (CALB):** "Guts and Bolts," juried group exhibition. Long Beach, California.
2012. **Zzyzk Gallery of Natural Sciences, within the Hive Gallery:** "The Tree Show." Los Angeles, CA.
2012. **Zzyzk Gallery of Natural Sciences, within the Hive Gallery:** "The Vanishing Bees Show." Los Angeles, CA.
2012. **Leanna Lin's Wonderland Gallery:** "The Wonderpup Benefit Charity Show." Los Angeles, CA.
2011. **Leanna Lin's Wonderland Gallery:** "Forest Friends." Los Angeles, CA.
2011. **Pacific Winds and Sculpture Garden:** "NOZOMI: Hope for Japan, Benefit Art Show." Long Beach, CA.
2010. **Crewest Gallery:** "The Sharpie Show II," juried group exhibition. Los Angeles, CA.
2010. **The ARtery at the LAB:** "APOPcalypse: Pop Goes the World." Costa Mesa, CA.
2010. **Monkeyhouse Toys and Gallery:** "Birds of a Feather Charity Art Show and Raffle." Los Angeles, CA.
2010. **Enid and Edgar Vintage Store and Gallery:** "So Long Sweet Lullabies." Los Angeles, CA.
2010. **Gallery 212:** "So Cal Car Culture Show." Seal Beach, CA.
2009. **WST Worldwide at Art Basel:** "Multiversal Group Show." Miami, FL.
2009. **Monkeyhouse Toys & Gallery:** "No More Monkeys Jumping on the Bed!" Los Angeles, CA.
2009. **Monkeyhouse Toys & Gallery:** "UP UP AND AWAY!!! A Friendly Neighborhood Super Hero Group Show." Los Angeles, CA.
2009. **Monkeyhouse Toys & Gallery:** "Oh, The Art You Will See! Doctor Seuss Themed Works." Los Angeles, CA.
2009. **Second City Council Art Gallery and Performance Space:** "Being Gay," juried art show. Long Beach, CA.
2009. **Orange County Museum of Contemporary Art (OCCCA):** "Fashionistas!," juried art show. Santa Ana, CA.
2008. **Crewest Gallery:** "Top of the Dome," original skull art show. Los Angeles, CA.
2008. **L.A. Municipal Gallery:** "Los Angeles Juried Exhibition." Los Angeles, CA.
2008. **Picture This Gallery/Framing:** "The LOVE/HATE Exhibition," juried art show, Long Beach, CA.
2007. **NoHo Gallery L.A.:** "Art Noir," juried art show. North Hollywood, CA.
2007. **Crewest Gallery:** "Conceptual," original spray can art show. Los Angeles, CA.
2006. **Barbara Walters Art Gallery, Sarah Lawrence College:** "Student Summer Show," juried group exhibition. Bronxville, NY.

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#### ***PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS***

2021. **SHOUTOUTLA**, Artist's Profile.
2019. **"The Vietnamese Children's Literacy Project"** Published by the National Resource Center for Asian Languages at California State University at Fullerton, Selected Illustrator for Children's Story.
2016. **LA Art Zone Instructor and Center Feature through LA 36 Local Television Station**, Selected Arts Instructor to be interviewed about Barnsdall Art Center, as well as "The Art of Cartooning" and "Zine-Making" classes taught specifically.

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#### ***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***

Los Angeles Society of Illustrators (SiLA), Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Western Washington Chapter, and the American Society of Botanical Artists (ASBA), specifically the Botanical Artist's Guild of Southern California (BAGSC) and Pacific Northwest Botanical Artists (PNBA) Chapters.

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#### ***ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE***

**2006-Present. Freelance Artist, Draw D.V.L. Productions:** Create commissions and personal work to sell at craft fairs and gallery shows, ranging from cartooning, to comics, to botanical illustration, to artist's books. Have created self-published and printed, as well as entirely handmade one of a kind greeting cards, in English as well as Spanish. Cards in both languages employ the use of word play and puns, visually with the drawings as well as verbally with the included captions. Partial Client List: National Resource Center For Asian Languages at California State University at Fullerton, Hyperwerks Publications, Grayhaven Comics, Barnsdall Art Center Student Advisory Committee, MoLAA, and Gradient Experimental Marketing Agency.

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References and Teaching Resume Available Upon Request.