



Jess Zhou

ART INSTRUCTOR

Art Instructor with strong fine-art foundations from the China Academy of Art. (中国美术学院) and 13 years of digital matte painting experience in film and animation. I developed my art studio in Vancouver where I have taught drawing and color. Known for a warm, encouraging teaching style and a passion for inspiring young artists through both classroom lessons and outdoor sketching activities.



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PORTFOLIO

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EDUCATION

MFA in Animation & Visual Effects
Academy of Art University, San Francisco

BFA in Filmmaking
中国美术学院 China Academy of Art

LANGUAGE

English
Fluent

Mandarin
Native

VISA

U.S. permanent residence

EXPERIENCE

Art Instructor/Studio Manager — En-Drawing Art Studio, Vancouver
Feb. 2023 - Apr.2024

- Taught drawing, sketching, color fundamentals to teens and adults.
- Designed age-appropriate lesson plans focusing on creativity, observation, and technique.
- Managed studio operations, introduced new course types, and created a welcoming, positive learning environment.
- Provided individualized guidance to help students improve artistic confidence and technical skills.
- Organized group outdoor sketching trips, encouraging real-life observation and creative exploration.

Fine Art Study

Sep.2004 - Now

- Sketching on paper: portraits, landscapes, and still-life subjects
- Watercolor painting on paper
- Acrylic painting on canvas
- iPad drawing and digital illustration
- Exploring and teaching a variety of painting and drawing styles

STRENGTHS & PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Warm, cheerful, supportive teaching style
- Strong communicator with both students and parents
- Highly organized; maintains a safe and inspiring classroom
- Passion for nurturing creativity in young minds
- Team player with professional discipline and positive attitude