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Visual Artist and Brand Designer

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Key Skills

- Strong design sense with the ability to translate 2D concepts into 3D products.
- Proficient in hand tools for fabrication and creating a variety of projects.
- Expertise in art including colour matching, composition, and drawing.
- Ability to implement creative direction from senior leaders.
- Strong foundational problem-solving skills in production environments.
- Collaborative mindset for teamwork in multidisciplinary settings.
- Experience in creating mockups and executing designs using various materials.
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro and After Effects) as well as MadMapper.

Public Art and Installations

LightHouse - Video Mapping Installation

Artscape Daniels Launchpad Lobby
April - May 2026

The Home I Never Knew - Video Installation

Congress, George Brown Polytechnic
2025
Artscape Daniels Launchpad Lobby Exhibition
2024 - 2025
Future Ways of Living Gallery
2024
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
(Video Mapping)
2024

Light Source - Art Installation

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022 and 2023

Memories - Art Installation

East End Arts
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022

Fear of Passion - Art Installation

Toronto Center for the Arts
Visual Artist, Curator and Designer
2016

Transitions - Art Mural

Coxwell TTC Barns Wall, Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale in collaboration with East End Arts
2015

Between the Line - Art Installation

Centennial College, Ashtonbee Campus
Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale in collaboration with No. 9 Contemporary Art and the Environment and Pan Am Path
2015

The PrideHouse That Kids Built - Art Installation

Harbourfront Centre, Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale and Kalpna Patel in collaboration with Pan Am/Parapan Am Games
2015

Shortlists and Contributions

Shadows - Art Research

Visual Artist and Researcher
2017 - Present

RBC Emerging Artist Network Program

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery
Selected Artist
2022 - Present

Unionnale - Public Art Installation

Shortlisted Artist, City of Toronto
2025

Fine Arts Studio Program - Artist Speaker

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2022 and 2025

apexart-Art Gallery, New York City

Artist Juror for upcoming exhibitions
2022 - 2024

Artist Mentor for Fine Arts Studio Students

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2023

481 University - Public Art Installation

Shortlisted Artist, BRAD GOLDEN + Co PUBLIC ART CONSULTING, Toronto
2021

Program Advisor for Fine Arts Studio

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2021 - 2023

Graduate Advisory for Centennial College

Story Arts Centre
2021 - 2023

Visual Artist Instructor

City of Toronto for students all ages
2021 - 2023

Picture Framer

DeSerres
2016 - 2019

Publications and Design

Applied Arts Magazine - Winter

Winner of multiple award categories
2026

O2 Planning and Design Inc.

Graphic Designer, Brand Designer and Engagement Intern
May - Aug 2025

IN Store - Design Studio

Graphic Designer and Project Manager
January - May 2025

GBC International Student Department

Communication Assistant and Graphic Designer
June 2024 - May 2025

GBC Diversity Calendar

Featured Artist
2024 - 2025

Yoonyen Magazine - Issue 1

Featured Artist
2024

Green Teacher Magazine

Motion Graphic and Graphic Designer
May 2021 - June 2022
June 2023 - May 2025

Applied Arts Magazine

Featured Artist
2017

Historias de Toronto - Published Book

Graphic Designer and Illustrator
2016

Art Exhibitions

The Home I Never Knew - Solo Exhibition

Bloor/Gladstone Toronto Public Library
Visual Artist and Curator
2024

Sunlight - Solo Exhibition

Yorkville, Toronto Public Library
Visual Artist and Curator
2023

art in the park - Art Fair

Memorial Park, Stouffville
Visual Artist
2023

Sundown - Solo Exhibition

Online, Visual Artist
2022

Storytelling Video Series - Solo Exhibition

Online, Video Editor, Visual Artist and Writer
2021

Grit & Glide - Group Show

Online, Centennial College
Invited Visual Artist
2020

4x4 - Group Exhibition

Hashtag Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Tiny Art - Group Exhibition

GuildWorks Art Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Shadows - Solo Exhibition

Runnymede, Toronto Public Library
Curator, Visual Artist and Strategist
2016

Tiny Art - Group Exhibition

CineCycle Gallery
Visual Artist
2016

Communications, Media and Design - Group Exhibition

Visual Artist
2016

Fragments - Group Exhibition

Toronto Center for the Arts
Project Coordinator, Curator and Artist
2016

The Ramp - Solo Exhibition

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist
2015 and 2016

Cursory - Group Exhibition

Toronto Centre for the Arts
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015 - 2016

Pause, Don't Pause - Group Exhibition

Artscape Youngplace
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015

Verge - Group Exhibition

Urban Gallery
Curator, Visual Artist and Project Manager
2015

CCSIA - Group Exhibition

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Visual Artist
2015

Education

Honours Bachelor of Brand Design

George Brown College, School of Design
2023 - 2026 (Advanced Standing)

French - FSL Program

Virtual, Halton District School Board
2023 - 2024

Life Drawing for the Illustrator

George Brown College, School of Design
2016

Post Graduate Diploma of Fine Arts Studio

Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2016

Licentiate Degree in Arts

Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV)
Caracas, Venezuela
2012 - 2013 (Partial Studies)

French

Alliance Française, Caracas
2011 - 2013

Skena - School of Theatre and Performing Arts

Caracas, Venezuela
2008 - 2013

Volunteer

Year End Show-Wayfinding Committee (Lead)

George Brown, School of Design
2024 - 2025

RGD-Student Committee, Events

2023 - 2024

Adobe Creative Retreat Toronto

2024

TIFF-Toronto International Film Festival

2014, 2022 and 2023

Scholarships, Awards and Recognitions

RGD Branding Awards

Integrated Award – Brand Identity [New Brand]
2025

Applied Arts Magazine

Design [Series], Promotional Design [Series],
Entire Design Program [Campaign], Entire
Promotional Design Program [Campaign]
2025

School of Design

Wayfinding Design Committee Award
2025 and 2026

School of Design

Francis Mak Scholarship
2025 and 2026

Art Wall - George Brown Polytechnic

2024

George Brown Polytechnic - Wide

Student Association Arts & Design Second Year
Student Award
2024

Dean's Honour List for Academic Excellence

George Brown Polytechnic, School of Design
2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Big Picture Conference - Vancouver

Guest Artist
2023

Storyteller In-Depth Podcast (Episode 5)

Story Arts Centre
Invited Guest
2023

Marilyn Scott Academic Achievement

Scholarship
2016

Brad Chapman and Family Communications, Media and Design

Scholarship
2016

Colleges and Institutes Canada - Art Showcase

Finalist Artist showcasing artwork at
Château Laurier, Ottawa
2015