

Artist Alley

Walk this way With art conventions on hold for now, meet the creatives selling their work online

The coronavirus crisis is affecting lives around the world. For artists, the closure of events where they'd usually sell their art has led to financial losses and worry and stress.

This is where editor **Claire Howlett** thought she and the ImagineFX team could help, by bringing the artists – along with their art and merchandise – to you. If you like what you see, visit their website and make a purchase. You'll be supporting them during these difficult times, and helping to ensure they'll still be able to create art once life has – hopefully – returned to normality.



1 Michael Manomivibul



Michael is an illustrator making intricate, atmospheric work in pen and ink. He's offering fine art watercolour paper prints and a crab eating noodles pin.

www.mikemanoart.storenvy.com



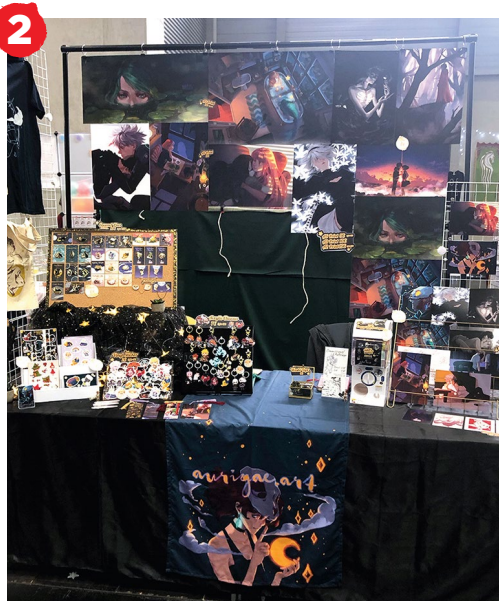
2 Aurigae



Living near Nuremberg, Germany, Aurigae is a freelance illustrator and artist creating illustrations and merchandise such as pins, charms and stickers. Her art is a way to express emotions and stories, as well as providing a small window into the things that are important to her.

Nature, wonder and magic is something Aurigae wants to show in her art as well as the beauty of relationships with one another, and she does this through both original art pieces and fan work, all which makes it possible to give back some of the joy that she's experienced.

www.aurigae.art





COOKING UP A STORM

US comic artist Brett Parson has surrounded himself with plenty of art inspiration in his studio – but also likes to work to the sound of thunder. BOOM! **Page 30**



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3 Kelly McKernan



An independent artist based in Nashville, Tennessee, Kelly works primarily in watercolours and acryla gouache. She documents in vibrant colours the journey of women through luminescent dream worlds and the eternal relevance of the feminine principle. Kelly's created art for Dark Horse Comics, Stranger Things, Magic: The Gathering and Star Wars, to name but a few.

www.kellymckernan.com

4 André Meister



André describes himself as a Brazilian Frankenstein type of artist. Putting together animation, comics, concept art and a

bit of insanity mixed with philosophy and love for the craft, he's found his art niche by combining the experience of working with games, films and tabletop RPGs, and publishing a comic book inspired by a heavy metal band called SEMBLANT. André believes every artist is a necessary voice of nature turned into images – some laughable, some grotesque, but all with meaning.

www.andremeister.com

5 Micaela Dawn

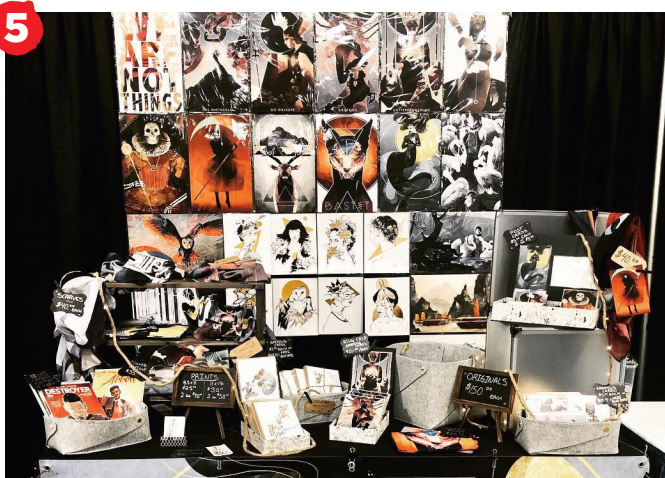


Micaela is a freelance illustrator who loves bold shapes and colours as well as reimagining myths and legends. She lives in the

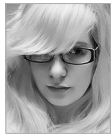
dinosaur capital of the world (Drumheller, Canada), where she has a home studio and several pets that help her with her artistic projects. Micaela loves creating cover art and comics about bad-ass ladies, and developing projects that tackle equality and the promotion of women's rights.

Most of her art is created digitally, but Micaela also enjoys using pen and ink with metallic highlights. When she's not creating mythical stories and creatures, she draws nature and pun-based artwork like her MorbidiTea series that pairs skulls with tea.

www.micaeladawn.com



1 BlueFayt



If you like bunnies, D&D, and pastel cuteness, this is what BlueFayt's art is all about! The artist, also known as Katie Sheppard, sells her art in the form of stickers, prints, holographic pins and T-shirts. BlueFayt also takes on commissions and can personalise her character sheets with your characters.

<https://ifxm.ag/bluefayt>

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2 Sarah Finnegan



Sarah paints surreal allegorical landscapes for viewers to explore. She works with acrylics, and at conventions you can find her selling her original paintings, as well as prints, playmats, desk mats and enamel pins. Sarah says that she infuses her landscapes with fantastical elements to spark curiosity and the desire to explore, and to inspire a sense of reverence, awe and wonder.

www.sarahfinnigan.com

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3 Maurice Terry Jr



Maurice is a graphic designer and freelance artist. Over the years he's managed projects that include books, logos, posters and web graphics. He's also worked as a comic book artist, penciller and inker, and created character concepts and storyboards. He says the graphic design and illustration work is never as steady as he'd like it to be, and finds comfort in going to comic book conventions, selling his creator-owned works and getting a commission or two.

www.mauriceterryart.blogspot.com



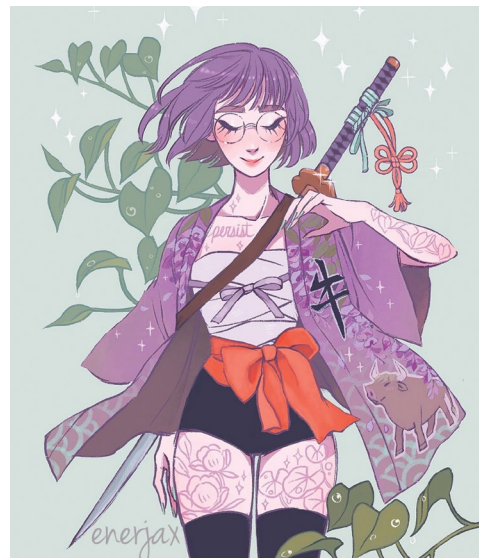
4 Enerjax



Enerjax, aka Jackie, describes her style as soft and hyper-feminine, emphasised by her love of plants and florals. She paints with gouache and ink, but also enjoys illustrating in Procreate and Photoshop. The past couple of years she's dived into original character art, but still indulges in characters from TV, films and games. Her shop is a mix of original pieces and fan art.

www.enerjax.storenvy.com

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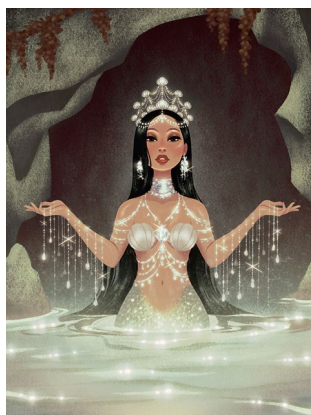


5 Dylan Bonner



Dylan is a freelance artist who works mainly with the Disney Princess property. In his personal work Dylan reveals that his primary subject matter is mermaids. He loves to create pieces that tell little stories or evoke specific feelings while being inclusive, somewhat realistic and always glam.

www.society6.com/dylanbonner



6 JunTwei



JunTwei is a full-time illustrator and an avid dog lover... she enjoys all things dog-related! The Tokyo-based artist reveals that at the moment she's enjoying combining steampunk elements to her doggos, and hopes that people love her artworks as much as she loves creating them.

www.etsy.com/shop/juntwei



7 Yangtian Li



Yangtian is a concept designer and illustrator working in the entertainment industry - primarily in video games.

She was born in China and studied in Australia, and currently is based in Seattle, US.

The artist tells us that she's always loved to draw since she was a little kid and that she's always been very passionate with her creative process, so it naturally became her full-time profession. In her spare time she loves working on personal art and making her own prints and books.

www.etsy.com/shop/artofyangtianli



8 Eldritch Rach



Eldritch's art is inspired by her interests and hobbies, and she loves learning about cryptids, mythology and playing Dungeons &

Dragons! At comic cons she sell a variety of items such as stickers, enamel pins, acrylic pins, keyrings, charms, washi tape, sketchbooks and dice bags. She's recently finished a book on cryptids, mythology and folklore that'll soon be available online.

www.eldritchrach.com



1 Brian Miller



Brian is best known for his officially licensed pop culture propaganda artwork in his vintage-inspired signature style. He illustrates images for Star Wars, Doctor Who, The X-Files, Rick and Morty, Archer and The Simpsons as well as other popular characters from comics, films and video games. Brian's illustrations have been featured at major events such as Star Wars Celebration, San Diego Comic-Con and Disney's D23 Expo. Brian also has a strong commitment to art education. www.oktopolis.com

2 Chuck Grieb



Chuck is an illustrator, animator and storyteller, and says that his tale *The Garden Clan* was inspired by his love for old stories, magic and the nature that surrounds us. *The Goblin Twins* is the first Garden Clan illustrated novel, and follows the adventures of twins Bela and Vuto. www.artofchuckgrieb.bigcartel.com

3 Kaysha Siemens

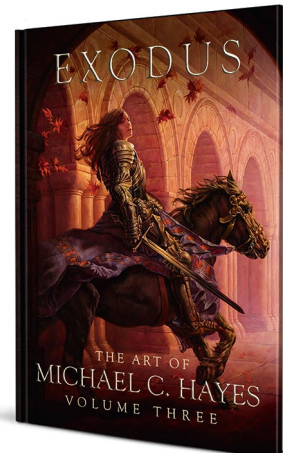
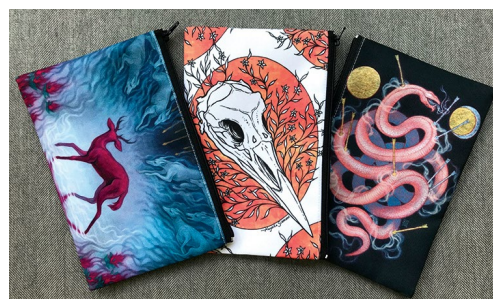
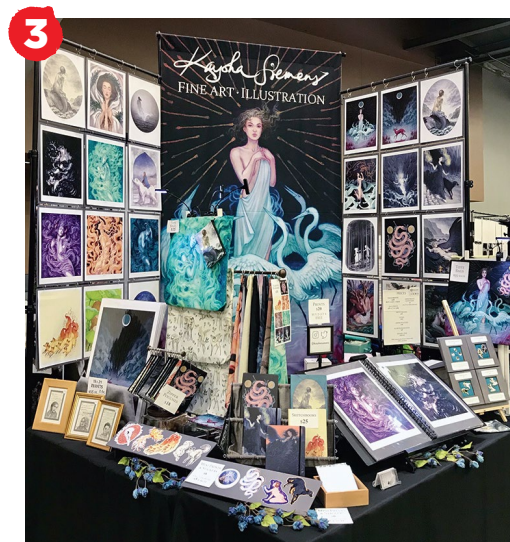


Canadian-born Kaysha now lives in North Carolina, US, and is an oil painter working on an ongoing project called *Mnemosyne*, inspired by Greek myths. However, Kaysha will occasionally break away from that project to paint a mermaid, or create a tribute to a favourite fandom or folktale. She offers prints, enamel pins, tote bags and zipper pouches, stickers, sketchbooks, scarves, and even the odd original in person at conventions. www.kayshasiemens.com

4 Michael C Hayes



Michael describes himself as a classically trained oil painter working in the imaginative realism genre. He sells paintings and charcoal drawings, prints and laser-cut matted prints. The artist tells us that his online shop is broken down into a few sections, but everything can be found through his website. www.artofmike.com





5 Joe Corroney



Joe's a professional freelance Star Wars illustrator for Lucasfilm and Disney, and a comic book artist for a variety of studios and publishers. Most of the illustration work he does is either for fine art lithographs, licencing art, publishing or comic book artwork and fan art and commissions for collectors but that income and work is heavily supplemented and dependent upon the 15 to 20 comic cons and events he does on average throughout the year.

www.joecorroney.storenvy.com

6 Barbara Lucas



A freelance digital artist based in Stuttgart, Germany, Barbara's work is mostly fantasy themed, and whether it's magic

effects or elf ears, she tells us it's always fun to paint. She usually enjoys offering prints of her portfolio pieces at conventions held near her, but the current situation means she's only selling her work through her INPRNT store. However, she hopes to meet people at conventions soon!

www.inprnt.com/gallery/sylthuria

7 James Bousema



James is a Las Vegas-based freelance digital illustrator of dark fantasy, horror and heavy metal imagery. He enjoys

showing the power behind fantastical beings through detail, strong colours and the darker side of their nature. At his artist alley tables and in his shop you'll find all sorts of Gothic art prints, gaming playmats, a set of Gargoyle enamel pins and plenty more to satiate your thirst for the macabre!

www.jamesbousema.storenvy.com

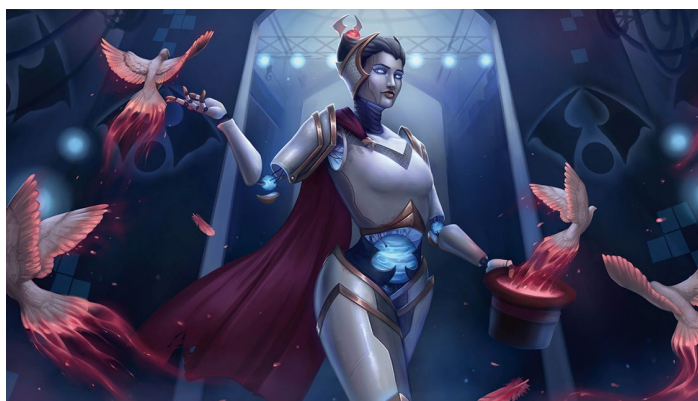
8 Erika Wiseman



Erika, better known online as Erikathegoober, paints colourful, stylised characters and illustrations in either Photoshop or

Procreate. Her convention/online shop merchandise currently consists of art prints and stickers.

<https://ifxm.ag/erika-g>



1 Sajedene



Nikki Elise, known as Sajedene online, creates portraits and illustrations on the themes of fantasy, video games and pop culture. She describes her art as ranging from the cute to the dark and quirky. Nikki mostly sells art prints, but also offers stickers, buttons and keychains through her shop.

www.sajedene.com



2 Gemini H



Gemini H is a French visual artist and storyteller. Her work is inspired by history and contains elements of folklore, nostalgia, nature and a bit of poetry. She loves combining these elements and experimenting with different mediums and tools. Her shop sells pins, stickers, prints, zines and art books, hand-painted brooches and a couple of original pieces.

www.gemini-h.com



3 Kevin B Cleveland



Kevin's always been painting, but only on a professional scale for the past three years following an inspiring meeting with

Mark Raats, a leading film industry artist. Kevin's a licenced artist for Topps trading cards and has painted for titles such as Star Wars, The Walking Dead, TMNT and Stranger Things. He's also worked for a range of companies including Dynamite Entertainment, Rusty Inc and Printed in Blood, all the while developing his own materials and commissions.

<http://ifxm.ag/kbcleveland>



4 Destiney Hett



Destiney is an artist based in Nashville, Tennessee. She works mainly in oil and acrylic creating gothic-style dark art. Her portrait works are based on a lot of lore, mythlogy and old fairy tales. Through her shop she sells original paintings, fine art prints and various merchandise featuring her artworks, including candles, coasters and stickers.

www.destineyhettart.com





5 Monkey Minion



Monkey Minion is the name of the store run by artist and graphic designer Dane Ault and his wife Ashlie Hammond, a creative copywriter and crafter. Based in Portland, Oregon, Monkey Minion usually appears at comic cons around the US. The store specialises in art featuring science, space, nature and pop-culture themes with a retro flavour, and Dane and Ashlie make art prints, posters, books, magnets and pins featuring Dane's art.

www.monkeyminionpress.com

6 Tristan Tait



Based in Australia, Tristan tells us that he creates fun and over-the-top caricature fan art of everything from Disney, through to Rick and Morty, Beetlejuice, Pokémon and much more, along with original designs and artworks of his own. He has these available as prints, as well as a number of buttons, stickers and bags containing other original designs in the style of retro Japanese cartoons and classic horror with a funky twist

www.instagram.com/tristan.tait



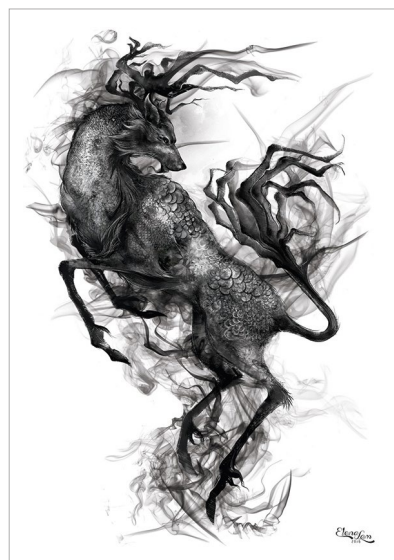
7 Elena Lam



Elena lives in Dundee and for several years has exhibited and sold her illustrations in the city and at other locations around the UK, including Glasgow, Edinburgh and London. Most of the conventions and fairs she's booked for this year have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic – something that's sadly common among many of the artists we've spoken to.

In addition to selling in person, Elena also operates a store online. Her animal illustrations, consisting of smoky and ethereal imagery, are the artist's most recognised series of work. She creates them using traditional and digital tools, and sells them as high-quality prints. They're printed on imported rice washi from Japan, and Elena tells us that the gestural and flowing style of her artworks complement the naturally textured paper.

www.instagram.com/elena__lam

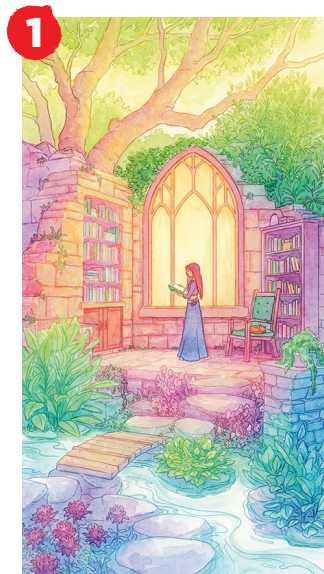


1 Naomi VanDoren



Naomi is an independent artist and author based in California. She's comfortable in both digital and traditional mediums, working most frequently in watercolour and pen. Her adventure-inspired artwork is influenced by a childhood spent in Indonesia. Currently, she's developing a series of illustrated novels set in a tropical world filled with magic. Her work is available in art books, prints, original paintings, playing cards, T-shirts, gaming mats and more online in her store.

www.naomivandoren.com



2 Heather R Hitchman



Heather is a fantasy artist and world builder, and is creating a paranormal fairy tale world of art and stories called Terratoff.

Every piece of art comes with a story about the creature in the artwork. Her goal is to make Terratoff a multi-media project, comprising illustrated novels, comic strips, videos and more!

www.heatherhitchman.com



3 Bruce Brenneise



Award-winning artist Bruce paints epic alien landscapes. He's best known for his work for video games and RPGs

such as Slay the Spire and Numenera. He sells playmats and prints of his work through his website.

www.brucebrenneise.com



4 Amelia Royce Leonards

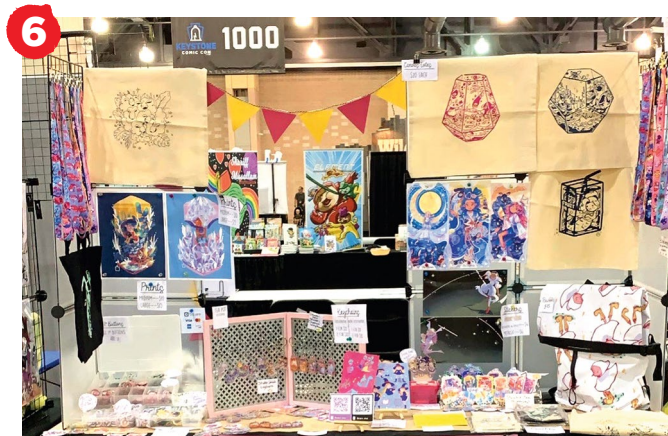


Amelia's a graduate of Montserrat College of Art, where she spent four years baffling her peers and professors with drawings

of goddesses and antlered women. Her work is influenced by the beauty of ancient myth, folklore and the natural world around us. Amelia sells a range of products, from originals and matted prints of her work to greeting cards, illustrated booklets and mugs. They feature fantastical birds and creatures, goddesses of folklore and myth, and, inevitably, animal puns.

www.etsy.com/shop/ameluria





5 Rockmedia Studio



Rockmedia, led by Ivan Roca, is a studio based in Barcelona, Spain that caters for the youngest comic book authors in the world. The Rockmedia team creates comics for all ages, some of them dialogue free and the rest in Spanish. All the comics are written and drawn by the studio members, who also created One-Shot JAM, a manga-themed compilation magazine with short stories from different authors.

6 Melonsquare Studios



Erin from Melonsquare Studios tells us that she draws on her animation background to create a range of brightly coloured artworks. She specialises in graphic illustration, apparel, prints, keychains, comics and more. Erin's having a sale at her Etsy store over the next month or so. Just use the code Con15 at the checkout for 15 per cent off your order.

7 AsherBee



Ashley, aka AsherBee, creates predominately colourful vector work. Her work includes Rudicorns ("slightly snarky unicorns"), pin-up comic covers and a line of scented plushies called Fauna Fruits. Ashley's shop contains an array of enamel pins, stickers, prints, tote bags and plush toys.

<http://ifxm.ag/melonsquare>

8 Kelsey Eng



Kelsey is a visual development artist who works in animation at Disney TV, and previously at DreamWorks TV, Cartoon Network, and Nickelodeon. Shows she's been a part of include She-Ra, We Bare Bears and Dragons: Race to the Edge. She also produced the cover for the upcoming Dragon Prince middle-grade novel from Scholastic. Her artwork is RPG and fantasy inspired. Use the code FX14 for a 14 per cent discount at her store.

www.asherbee.com/etsy-shop

