



**MIKE  
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**Illustrator & Designer**

## EDUCATION

B.F.A. in Communication Design from  
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
Concentration in Graphic Design and Illustration



## HONORS / AWARDS

Amos Lemon Burkhart Foundation Scholarship, Reading, PA | 2018

Essence Magazine artwork contributor, Juried | 2020 and 2021

Berks Art Alliance Exhibition, Juried, Reading, PA | 2022

· Received Honorable Mention

Freshman Foundations Exhibition, Juried, Kutztown, PA | 2019

Playlist Project Exhibition, Juried, Kutztown, PA | 2022

Blood Sweat and Illustration Exhibition, Juried, Kutztown, PA | 2023

Senior Exhibition, Juried, Kutztown, PA | 2023



## RELATED / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Amos Lemon Burkhart Foundation, Mohnton PA, Design Intern | June 2021 – Present;

Goggleworks “You Miss 90% of the Shots You Don’t Take”, Reading, PA | 2021

· Created original artwork for use in educational activity

· Rendered and installed 10 x 15’, preexisting design interactive mural as part of activity

· Moved and installed activity stations, gallery pieces, furniture

Annual Spring Gala, Mohnton, PA | 2022

· Contributed art to gala live auction

· Worked alongside another artist to create live collaborative project during gala

Southeast Middle School “You Miss 90% of the Shots You Don’t Take”, Reading, PA | 2022

· Rendered and installed 5 x 10’, preexisting design interactive mural as part of activity

· Monitored and mentored students, ran individual activity

· Moved and installed activity stations, gallery pieces, furniture



## SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Proficient in Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator

Skilled in digital illustration, typographic design, graphic design, advertising design

Adept in traditional pen and ink illustration, printmaking, ceramic

Robust craftsmanship and attention to detail

Solid ability to sustain communicative working relationships

Strong ability to manage work, meet deadlines



## ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE

Etsy shop | 2019 – Present

· Work sold as commissions, originals, prints, stickers



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