

# Britnie Walston

## VISUAL ARTIST, GRAPHIC DESIGNER



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Visual artist with over 15 years of successful experience in [painting](#) and graphic design. Recognized consistently for performance excellence and contributions to success in [art](#) industry. Strengths in [Adobe Photoshop](#) and implementing design concepts and creative art ideas backed by training in college studio art courses including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and art history.



### Skills

- Graphic arts ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Drawing and sketching ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Skilled in Adobe Photoshop ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Skilled in Microsoft Office ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Computer skills ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Excellent work ethic ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Good listening skills ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
- Painting ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●



### Work History

#### Professional Artist

*Self Employed, Baltimore, MD*

- Maintained and shared portfolios of artistic work to demonstrate styles, interests, and abilities with potential customers.
- Consulted with clients to discuss commission ideas and style preferences to create mutually agreeable project parameters.
- Developed artistic visual products while working within defined technical constraints.
- Created custom drawings and paintings using fine oils, acrylics and charcoal on high quality canvas.
- Utilized oil paints, acrylics and charcoal to design mixed media, drawings and painting pieces.
- Developed art and design concepts.
- Developed targeted marketing and sales strategies to promote successful organizational and artistic outcomes.
- Learned new software packages in addition to traditional art methods.

2009-01 - Current

- Ordered and maintained adequate supply of materials, supplies and equipment.
- Made use of materials, such as ink, watercolors, charcoal, oil, computer software, paints, and pencils, to complete unique piece for customers.
- Create Youtube tutorials and promotional content through setup, filming and iMovie video editing software
- Applied current editing and photography tools to tell great stories.
- Posted daily on 3 social media sites.
- Added meta descriptions, keywords and image tags to increase clients' SEO presence
- Created and posted to [BNW Art's](#) website.
- Designed fliers to promote events and company updates.
- Strengthened content through proofreading and editing.
- Shipped material and performed boxing, packing, labeling and preparation of any related paintings and creations

2019-01 - Current

### Children's Book Illustrator

*Self Employed, Baltimore, MD*

- Transformed ideas into high-quality creations to fulfill client requests.
- Used [Adobe Photoshop](#) design program and hand drew images to create images for use in diverse clients' marketing campaigns.
- Applied color theory and lighting techniques in drawings and illustrations to add excitement, focus and depth.
- Served customers in a friendly, efficient manner following outlined steps of service.

2013-01 - Current

### Graphic Designer

*Self Employed, Baltimore, MD*

- Created aesthetically-pleasing advertisements that complemented products.
- Created digital image files for use in digital and traditional printing methods.
- Worked with clients to gather and define requirements, establish scopes and managing project milestones.
- Worked with [Adobe Photoshop](#) software program to develop images, illustrations and layouts for clients
- Coordinated, created and scheduled content, designs and periodic updates to company website.
- Put together videos for social media, advertising and informational purposes.
- Met with customers to present mockups and collect information for adjustments.
- Conceptualized and developed graphics products for [logos](#), [social media platform designs](#) and [illustration](#) projects using [Adobe Photoshop](#).
- Applied knowledge of production to create high-quality images.

2012-06 - 2012-08

### Art Gallery Assistant

*Towson Art Collective, Towson, MD*

- Informed visitors of exhibit features and highlights to promote enriching gallery experiences.

2011-06 - 2011-08

- Assisted marketing team with creation and posting of website and social media content to promote gallery to current and potential customers.
- Facilitated good gallery visitor flow to enhance viewing experiences and minimize accident potential.
- Tracked gallery artwork and recorded sold and removed items to maintain accurate physical and financial inventory.
- Received, photographed, cataloged, researched and prepared [artwork](#) objects for display for [Members](#) collection.
- Promoted events and exhibits via social media, email and other communication methods
- Moved and handled various types of artwork with exceptional care, following all Towson Arts Collective requirements.
- Provided clerical support to [Coordinator](#) by filing member and gallery documents.
- Processed POS transactions, including checks, cash and credit purchases or refunds.

## Art Counselor

*Towson University, Towson, MD*

- Developed age-appropriate arts and crafts activities such as [painting](#) and [sculpture](#) to encourage campers' artistic skills development and creative expression.
- Implemented recreational activities such as [swimming](#) and [outdoor activities](#) to promote campers' physical health and encourage teamwork skills development.
- Assisted teachers with art activities, art shows, field trips, procedures and safety considerations to promote beneficial outcomes for all campers.
- Kept accurate records on participants' activity attendance, disciplinary actions and medication usage to improve camper documentation.
- Maintained classroom to promote safe and secure environment for campers and staff.
- Followed established emergency procedures to enable best possible resolution of incidents.
- Supervised pre-planned field trips and followed established safety guidelines to minimize campers' accident and injury risks.
- Collaborated with other camp counselors to design fun and enriching learning activities for campers.
- Communicated with parents about campers' activities and reported concerns and suggestions to [Art Coordinator](#).
- Kept track of allergies and dietary restrictions, verifying correct meals and snacks were given to campers.

2009-08 - 2013-05



## Education

### Bachelor of Arts: Studio Art

*Goucher College - Towson, MD*

#### Awarded

Fine and Performing Arts Scholar 2009-2013

2012-06 - 2012-06

### **Received**

Pierians Incorporated Scholarship Recipient, 2009

Joyce Tseng & Anna Tseng Lum Scholarship Recipient, 2009

Mary Niven Alston EOP Scholarship Recipient, 2009

### **Intensive Course Study Abroad: Greece: A Living Legacy**

*University Of Maryland - College Park - College Park, MD*

Studied an intensive course abroad in Greece with the University of Maryland College Park, "Greece: A Living Legacy" in the summer of 2012 as an academic requirement for college. There, I learned and explored history and Greek culture through Greek art, drama, mythology, visiting museums, historical sites, and various islands.

2005-08 - 2009-06

### **High School Diploma**

*Randallstown High School - Randallstown, MD*

#### **Awarded**

***The Pierians, Incorporated Baltimore County Chapter "An Afternoon with the Artists"*** -Pierians Incorporated Scholarship Recipient, 2009

***Maryland Institute College of Art Young People's Studio (Painting Concentration)*** -Young People's Studio Scholar, Spring 2009

***Baltimore County Public Schools "23rd Annual High School Exhibition" at Goucher College*** -Certificate of Achievement in Art, 2009

***Randallstown High School Art Department*** -Certificate of Achievement in Art, 2009

***Randallstown High School Art Department "2008 Art Show"*** -Best in Show, 2008

***The White House Christmas Ornament Artist (2nd District)*** -White House Christmas Ornament Artist, 2008

***Randallstown High School Banner Contest*** -Banner Contest Winner, 2008

***Baltimore County Public Schools "22nd Annual High School Exhibition" at Goucher College*** -Most Honorable Mention, 2008

***Baltimore County NAACP ACT-SO Competition*** - 2nd Place Winner (local level) 2008

***Security Square Mall 4th Annual Art Gallery Showcase*** - Finalist, 2006

***Amity Institute "Growing International Friendship" Poster Contest*** -2nd place winner, 2006

***Baltimore Museum of Art "Art is for Everyone" Exhibition*** -Certificate of Achievement in Art, 2006

***Maryland Art Education Association "2006 Annual Showcase of Outstanding Maryland Student Artwork"*** -Certificate of Excellence, 2006

***Maryland State Department of Education "Exhibition of Student Artwork"*** -Certificate of Recognition, 2006

#### **Member of**

***National Art Education Association, National Art Honor Society***, President, 2007-2009

***Randallstown High School Art Club***, Member, 2007-2009

***Randallstown High School***, Yearbook Staff Member, 2008-2009

***National Art Education Association, National Art Honor Society***, Member, 2005-2007

## Continued Education: Young People's Studio (Painting Concentration)

Maryland Institute College Of Art - Baltimore, MD

This studio course in the spring of 2009 was designed to help students refine their skills in observing color, making purposeful choices about color, and painting from life. Students experimented with acrylics, temperas and watercolors learning to mix cohesive color palettes and apply both realistic and expressive color to their pieces. Works from past and contemporary artists were used to emphasize the incredible diversity of styles and expressiveness that can be achieved with color.



## Accomplishments

### AWARDS

**"Abstract Art Show", Grey Cube Gallery** -Special Merit Award, 2021

**"10th Nature Art Exhibition", Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery** -Special Recognition, 2020

**"Waters Online Art Show", Grey Cube Gallery** -Finalist, 2020

**"10th Annual "Open" (No Theme) Online Art Competition", Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery** -Special Merit Award (Painting), 2020

**"Weather" Art Exhibition, Art Room Contemporary Gallery Online** -Finalist, 2020

**"Patterns Online Art Show", Grey Cube Gallery** -Honorable Mention, 2020

**"Landscapes Online Art Show", Grey Cube Gallery** -Finalist, 2020

**"Red Flag Poetry"** -Featured Postcard Artist, Jan. 2020

**"Art For A New Earth"** -Selected artist for "Art For A New Earth" Instagram rotating header "Mother Earth", 2020

**"Eastern Iowa Review"** -Featured Online Cover Artist, Issue 10, 2020

### PUBLICATIONS

Anderson, Kate, **Carcosa Magazine**, Issue 2, Feb. 2021

McCondichie, Steve, **The New Southern Fugitives, "Black Stories", Vol. 4: Issue 3**, Feb. 2021

Budris, Katie, Jones, Jade, **Glassworks Magazine, Spring 2021 Issue**

Snyder, Justin, **Long Beach ArtWalk Magazine**, Fall 2020

Xie, Judy, **The Ephimiliar Journal**, September 2020

C., Anita, **"Artist Creates Fluid Paintings and Landscapes"**, PlayJunkie, March 2020

**"I Create Fluid Paintings And Landscapes Depicting Liberation And Freedom Using Unconventional Methods"**, Bored Panda, 2020

Jacobs, J. L., **Contemporary Expressions, Abstract Magazine TV**, 2020

Day, Sibley, Miller, Corey, **Dream Noir Magazine**, 2019

Rawlings, James, Snow, Teresa, **Chestnut Review, Issue 1.3**, January 2020

Cipri, Nino, Warren, V., Hannah, **LandLocked Magazine, Issue 2**, 2020

Todhunter, Jennifer, **Pidgeonholes: Fearless Literature**, 2020

Faziani, Pete, **Red Flag Poetry, Featured Postcard Artist**, January 2020

Woychik, Chila, **Eastern Iowa Review, Featured Online Cover, Issue 10**, Spring 2020

Sullivan, Aidan, **Art For A New Earth, Featured Artist 2020**  
Marshall, Hannah, **The Scriblerus, Spring 2020 Issue, 2020**  
St. Schlastica, **The Freshwater Review, 23rd Edition**  
Eastland, Erica, **Sonder Midwest, Issue 5, April 2020**  
Blagrove, Patrick, **Prolit Magazine, Issue 3, May 2020**  
van de Ven, Anita, **Duende, Issue 9, (Coming Soon), 2020**  
Russo, Isaac, **Millennial Pulp Literary Magazine, Issue 1, November 2020**  
Katz, Stephanie, **805 Literary + Art Magazine, 19th Amendment/Black Women Issue, 2020**  
Peterson, Hayley, **Blue Mesa Review, Issue 38, 2019**  
East City Art Editorial Team, **Summer 2019 Exhibitions at Art Enables, East City Art Media LLC, 2019**  
LaFollette, Kristin, **Mud Season Review, October Issue 46, 2019**  
Eastland, Erica, **Sonder Midwest, Issue 4, 2019**  
Jacobs, J. L., **Contemporary Expressions, Abstract Magazine TV, 2018**  
Goucher College, **The Preface: A Magazine of Arts and Literature, 2013**  
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