



# SANIKA PHAWDE

Illustrator-Designer

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## SKILLS :

Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere Pro,  
Graphic Narratives, Self-publishing. Teaching, Workshops  
Languages: English, Hindi, Marathi, Urdu

## EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS, NY  
MFA in Illustration as Visual Essay  
Merit Scholarship Awardee : 2019, 2020  
Paula Rhodes Memorial Award for Exceptional  
Achievement in Master's Program : 2021

PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN 2019  
BFA in Illustration  
GPA: 3.95/4.00  
Departmental Honours, Dean's List : 2015-2019

## EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR - DESIGNER (2016-Present)

Clients Include:

- Spotify X Acrylicize
- D & AD X Accenture
- Clos du Bois X Foundry Creative Lab at Meredith Corp
- The New Yorker Magazine
- Committee for Children
- Jingle Punks X iHeart Radio X Anthem Entertainment
- Madame Poupon Restaurant
- Uber India X Gaysi (LGBTQ+ Non - Profit in Mumbai)
- Pratham Books
- Rendez-vous Carnet Du Voyage- Reportage Fest in France
- Aval Cider
- SPACE Gallery, Portland
- Institute of Psychiatric Health X Bombay Municipal Corp

PART-TIME LECTURER at Parsons School of Design  
Courses: Drawing and Imaging, Drawing 101,  
Drawing the Imagination (2021-Present)

COMICS INSTRUCTOR at Zanbeel Art (2021) Designed  
syllabi and taught Zoom workshops titled, Visual  
Storytelling through Comics, to 5th Graders at The Watts  
Elementary School in South Los Angeles.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR + ARTIST IN RESIDENCE at  
Street Lab (currently working) I organize and facilitate  
workshops, pop-ups and Non-Profit programs in across all  
five boroughs of NYC.

STUDIO ASSISTANT

to Veronica Lawlor (2018) Helped with Production on  
her project with NYU Children's Hospital.

DESIGN and PRODUCTION INTERN

at Valiant Entertainment (2018). I designed page  
layouts, advertisements, posters, shelf talkers, social  
media content and graphic printables for merchandise.

ARTIST ASSISTANT and COLORIST

to Gabrielle Bell (2017). We worked on a comic for The  
Paris Review which won an Ignatz award in 2020.

SOCIAL MEDIA and DESIGN INTERN

at Gaysi (2016). Brainstormed designed and illustrated  
content for social media campaigns for their Instagram  
account, blog and social events.

DESIGN INTERN

at Ogilvy, Mumbai (2015). Worked with Senior Art  
Director on advertisement campaigns for:  
• Tide (India) • Amul Macho • Hero Indian Super League •  
Homecentre (Middle East) • I also designed a poster and  
media invitations for an indie film premiere.

PEER ADVISOR + ORIENTATION LEADER

for the Parsons Advising Office (2016-2019) Mentored  
students, Communicated with parents, hosted and  
organized social events, and worked with a great team  
on social media campaigns across print, digital and  
video media.

## AWARDS

- D&AD New Blood Portfolio Award 2021
- ADC Young Ones Portfolio Award 2021
- SVA Alumni Scholarship Award (2021)
- MoCCA Arts Festivals Awards for Excellence
- Merit Scholarship from School of Visual Arts (2020,2019)
- Departmental Honors at Parsons Graduation (2019)
- Nominated for Will Eisner Scholarship (2018)
- Parsons Sketchbook Contest (2017)
- Parsons Learning Portfolio Contest (2016)
- All India Rank: 31/50000 in NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology Entrance Examination) (2014)

## EXHIBITED AT

- Space Gallery, Portland (2021)
- Latino Arts Council LI exhibition at Gallery North (2021)
- Women's History Month Exhibition, City Hall, NJ (2021)
- School of Visual Arts Book Show (2020)
- Zanbeel Art Gallery : Mapping Out A Field (2020)
- Carousel (Indie Comics Reading Event) (2020)
- Rendez-vous Carnet Du Voyage (2019, 2018)
- Secrets Risograph show (Hamburg, NYC) (2019)
- MoCCA Arts Festival (2019)
- Pittsburgh Zine Fest (2019)
- NY Independent Art Book Fair (2019)
- Women That Rock (2019)
- Vancouver Comic Arts Festival (2019)
- Printed Matter (2018)
- SVA Gramercy Gallery (2019)
- Panels To The People (2019)
- Optikal Asylum (Mumbai) (2019)
- Parsons Gala (2019, 2018, 2017)
- 12th Street Journal Reading Event (2019)
- Push Pull Seattle (Pop-up Shop) (2019)
- OCD Chocolate (2019)
- This is POESIA 7 (Art Market) (2019)
- Comic Arts Brooklyn (2018)
- Toronto Comic Arts Festival (2018)
- Smush Gallery (2018)

- Greenpoint Gallery (2018)
- Push Pull Seattle (Solo Show) (2017)
- Kulture Shop, Mumbai (2017)
- Domino Books NY (2017)
- Desert Island Brooklyn (2017)
- Goobe, Bangalore (2017)

## COLLECTIONS

- Frick Fine Arts Library Zine Collection

## PUBLICATIONS

- The New Yorker Magazine (2021)
- Food and Wine Magazine (2021)
- Poster House NY (2020)
- PRINT Mag: Design Inspiration Section (2021)
- PRINT Mag: The Daily Heller (2020)
- The Nation : Opp Art (2020)
- TCAF Digital Showcase (2020)
- Paper Planes: Thinking Aloud Section (2022)
- Paper Planes: Eye Candy (Interview) (2020)
- American Illustration 38 (2019)
- VICE (2018)
- Seattle Times
- Fruition Magazine (2021)
- Tampon Rock on Heart Radio (2020)
- Visual Arts Journal Spring 2021
- 致美ARTS (Zhimei Arts) (2020)
- HOLR Magazine (2020)
- The Dialogue (2020)
- Hollywood Life (2020)
- Vents Magazine (2020)
- True North Country Comics Podcast (2020)
- 12th Street Journal : Art (2019)
- 12th Street Journal : Fiction (2019)
- The Comics Beat (2018)
- Beholder Magazine Issue 1, Issue 2 (2018, 2019)
- Smoke Signal (2018)
- The Blacklist Journal (2018)
- The New School Free Press (2017)
- Speciwomen Magazine (Interview) (2016)