



Ivy Rose Smith

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Previously a higher education professional for 8 years, I have been a full time Surrealist Artist since 2022. Passionate about helping others find their inner artist. Able to create and foster collaboration through the motivation, inspiration, and empowerment of those around me. Creative, resilient, and imaginative, especially in the face of adversity. Heal your heart, look at art!

Areas of Expertise:

- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Creativity and Imagination
- DEI Advocacy
- Curriculum Development and Implementation
- Surrealist Painting and Illustration
- Excellent Communication Skills

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Studio Art, May 2017

St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM),

- Dean's List; Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- Senior Thesis: "Honey, I Shrunk the Respect": Integrated ecofeminist research and multimedia art techniques to analyze the interconnected systems affecting gender-based oppression and the endangerment of honey bees
- SMCM World Carnival Event Social Media and SWAG Chair, 2017
- Designed the permanent logo for the SMCM Men's Rugby team

Relevant Experience

CEO and Owner of Ivy Rose Art, March 2022-Present

- Sole proprietorship of the company
- Professional surrealist painter and illustrator
- Regularly curate a full clothing and accessory line featuring Ivy Rose Art original works and designs
- Build and manage full control of www.ivyrose.art
- Full marketing team, including: logo design, promotional items/branded content, brand protection
- Owner of @artistivyrose Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Etsy

Graphic Novelist & Illustrator-Catharsis, January 2024-Present

- Develop, write, and illustrate a feminist, surrealist graphic novel exploring themes of trauma and empowerment
- Produce original narrative, character designs, storyboards, and final sequential artwork
- Integrate Baltimore's culture and community identity into worldbuilding and visual storytelling
- Demonstrate professional artistic practice through long-term project management, research, and community-informed storytelling
- Build and manage full control of patreon.com/CatharsisGraphicNovel
- Owner of @catharsisgraphicnovel Instagram, Facebook, TikTok

Art Educator, *Art with a Heart Nonprofit, April 2024-Present*

- Provide equitable access to visual art experiences and education throughout Baltimore City to people in need
- Work in schools, community centers, group homes, shelters, permanent housing facilities, veteran facilities, hospitals, senior facilities, and more

Pratt Street Electrical Box Competition, *February 2024*

- Selected by the Baltimore City Mayoral office to design public art for an electrical box on Pratt Street in Baltimore, MD

Lost Lands Support Squad, *Lost Lands Music Festival, September 2023*

- Dedicated peer-to-peer harm reduction group of compassionate, positive individuals whose mission is to take care of their fellow festival attendees
- First on scene when someone has a medical emergency, a friendly face when someone has a question, and a shoulder to cry on when someone is upset

Pink Boots Society Can Art Designer, *April 2023*

- Worked with The Pink Boots Society, a nationwide collective of female and nonbinary brewers, to design can art for their “collaboration brew day” with Rockwell Brewery in Frederick, MD

Carpentry Intern, A Workshop of Our Own (WOO), *October 2017-March 2018*

- Helped with the setup and marketing of WOO, a woodworking shop built for women and non-binary folks to learn how to woodwork
- Maintained cleanliness of studio and the upkeep of machinery
- Welded a spiral staircase and installed it to connect the woodshop to the curated woodworker library we created
- Helped prepare materials for workshops
- Initiated and collected information to create a database of female and non-binary woodworkers

Art Instructor, Yellowdoor Art Studio, *Summer 2017*

- Lead summer camp programs for children 4-16 on a variety of topics including: portraiture, landscape painting, screen printing, murals, and recycled material sculptures
- Taught late night paint and sip classes for adults
- Worked with a nursing home to teach art courses to residents
- Worked with summer school students to teach art as an elective
- Created curriculum for students to follow

Teaching Assistant, SMCM Environmental Studies Department, SMCM Tiny House Project, *Jan. 2016- Aug. 2017*

- Worked with a local High School Tech Program in a low income area to educate and learn about technical skills i.e. carpentry, plumbing, welding, electrical
- Taught college students how to integrate critical thinking with technical skills for sustainable design
- Worked with two professors to build a Tiny Home out of all refurbished materials
- Taught at local elementary school afterschool programs for disciplined children about the importance of art education and sustainability
- Presented our work with the Tiny House to St. Mary's College of Maryland alumni and donors

Art Awards

Paintings:

Group Shows:

- *"Trapped," Selected for "Emptiness 2022" International Online Group Exhibition, Exhibizone*
- *"Existence," Selected for "MAGIX 2022: Dream, Fantasy, Illusion, Imagination, and Magic" International Online Group Exhibition, Exhibizone*
- *"Utopia," Selected for "Exhibizone Grand Prize 2022" International Online Group Exhibition, Exhibizone*
- *"Exhaustion of the Perfectionist Overthinker," Selected for "2022 Art Ability" at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital in Person Group Exhibition*
- *"Bee a Woman" Published in "The Book of Arts:Nudus" 2022 and showcased in International Online Group Exhibition, Exhibizone*
- *"Dehumanized, Destroyed," 48th Annual All Student Art Exhibition, March 2017, Boyden Gallery at St. Mary's College of Maryland*

Solo Shows:

- *"Teacher's Corner: Ms. Ivy Rose," Solo show September 2025-January 2026, HeArtWares by Art With a Heart in Baltimore*
- *"Catharsis," Solo show September 2023-January 2024, Mixers Gay Bar in Baltimore*
- *SoloS - 7th International Solo Exhibitions -2022, Exhibizone*

Publications:

- *"Eden," "Utopia," "Chaos," "Motherhood," Selected for Dragonfly Arts and Transformative Justice Magazine 2024 edition*

Mixed Media (Sculpture, Illustrations, and Paintings):

Solo Shows:

- *"The Official Catharsis Project Launch Party," Presentation of Project to Local Community, August 2025, Brewer's Casks in Baltimore*
- *"Honey, I Shrunk the Respect: An Ecofeminist Approach to Understanding the Relationship Between the Mistreatment of Women and the Destruction of Honey Bees in Western Society," Final Senior Show and Presentation on Theory/Process, May 2017, Boyden Gallery at St. Mary's College of Maryland*
- *Mid Year Senior Show, December 2016, Boyden Gallery at St. Mary's College of Maryland*

Grants and Fellowships:

Grants:

- *Maryland State Arts Council, Grant for Baltimore Artists, Summer 2024*

Vendor Opportunities

- *Baltimore by Baltimore Festival at the Inner Harbor, July 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Pride of Mt. Vernon, June 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Spring Cleaning at Peabody Heights Brewery, June 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Summer Fest at Black Flag Brewing, June 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Punk Rock Flea Market at Ottobar, March 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Send it Saturday 6.0 Charity Show for RAINN.org at Guilford Hall Brewery, January 2024, Baltimore, MD*
- *Holiday Sip and Shop at Crooked Crab Brewing, December 2023, Baltimore, MD*
- *Buds and Bites Festival, October 2023, Baltimore, MD*
- *Makers of Maryland Pour Tour, September 2023, Baltimore, MD*

- Mr. Trash Wheel Fanfest, September 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Summerfest at Pariah Brewing, July 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Baltimore Pride, June 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Pride of Mt. Vernon, June 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Springfest 2.0 at Pariah Brewing, May 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Baltimore Record Bizarre at Peabody Height Brewery, May 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Live Painting an EDM Show, The 8x10 Music Venue, April 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Springfest at Pariah Brewing, April 2023, Baltimore, MD
- TrapxArt Show, April 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Valentines Sip and Shop at Crooked Crab Brewing, February 2023, Baltimore, MD
- Winter Market at Cloisters Castle, December 2022, Baltimore, MD