# **TYLER GANDOLFO**

# Illustrator, Published Comic Artist, Graphic Designer & Digital Advertiser

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Highly skilled, detail-oriented and self-motivated illustrator, specializing in poster design, character illustrations, graphic design, typography, digital marketing and social media advertisements. Expertise in using Clip Studio Paint, the Adobe Creative Suite and a wide range of traditional artistic tools to create eye-catching artwork for several local gallery shows as well as a wide array of clients. These include the Halloween website art and site banner for <a href="Newgrounds.com">Newgrounds.com</a>, mockup shirt designs for Sukeban NYC and video thumbnails/drawn assets for Youtubers GhenryPerez & B-Mask. Proficient in videography, video editing and sound editing for short-form video content and advertisements using Adobe Audition, Premiere and After Effects. Received certificate of completion and letter of recommendation from Tom Feister's Comic Book Art online course.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Self-Employed - Freelance Illustrator, Graphic Designer & Animator

May 2020 - Present

- Designed video thumbnails, art prints and video/stream assets for a wide variety of clients/customers.
- Attended Anime NYC's artist alley for 4 years, with my own booth and assisted Sukeban NYC's apparel booth.
- Wrote and hand animated the Halloween multimedia cartoon short "Smashing Jack's"
- Communicated with and directed four separate voice actors for Smashing Jack's spoken dialogue.
- Wrote and designed sequential art layouts for the pulpy horror one shot comic "HAMMER!"

#### Arts Center of the Capital Region - Front Desk & Event Support

April 2024 - Present

- Maintained the front desk, opened and/or closed the center itself and checked people in for art classes.
- Assisted in off-site events, ran the Arts Center booth, and pitched the center's newsletter.
- Assisted in gallery openings and gala events, displaying artwork for shows and acting as event photographer.
- Participated in 2025's FENCE show with 2 large traditional art pieces, "The Lazarus Heart" & "Harvester"

### One Shot Books - Graphic Design Assistant & Page Editor

October 2023 - December 2023

- Proofread all 20 short story comics for One Shot's second anthology, Dream.Exe.
- Corrected the dimensions of all 400 pages and formatted them properly for eventual printing.
- Utilized said pages to develop story advertisements for the anthology's Kickstarter page.
- Collaborated with the One Shot Books led writer and art director in organizing the flow of the anthology book.

#### Sodexo, RPI Branch - Graphic Designer for Marketing

June 2019 - March 2020

- Collaborated closely with the Marketing Director on branding projects, digital advertisements and event calendars.
- Worked independently on multiple projects, such as designing menus for regular service hours, special menus for holidays/events and doing photography for new foods, displays and restaurants in the dining halls.
- Filmed and edited short form video content that promoted new additions to our campus' dining hall.

### **PROJECTS**

Troy Glow - Public Neon Light Art Festival

- Performed marketing outreach to recruit local businesses as festival partners.
- Assisted Jason Peters in constructing and installing his "Beacon" sculpture.
- Led a series of tours, ranging from 60-200 people each, through the Troy Glow exhibition and discussed the thought process behind each piece and its historical significance.

#### Published One Shot Books "After The End" - "Mandy VS Deadliest Catch"

- Wrote out the full script for the short comic, detailed each panel layout via storyboards.
- Illustrated all 30 pages of the story, from sketch to final inks and values.

#### **EDUCATION**

## Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY - Bachelor of Science

Dual Major in Electronic Media Arts & Comms and Visual Animation, with a minor in Marketing