CURRICULUM VITAE · YEREVAN

Vanessa Arakelyan

Artist and illustrator · oil painting and digital illustration

Yerevan, Armenia · Open to creative collaborations and illustration projects

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Illustrator and artist with a degree in Art from the State Academy of Fine Arts of Armenia. Experienced in book illustration, oil painting and digital art. Passionate about creative storytelling and cultural projects. Actively engaged in volunteer programmes and artistic initiatives, including film production and community events.

Experience

2026 — present

Illustrator
Soft Construct

- Create game visuals for web and mobile versions.
- Design logos.
- Prepare files for hand-off to developers, animators and marketing teams.
- Design banners.
- Create character concept art.

2024 — present

Freelance illustrator and artist

- Illustrate books and comics and take private commissions, carrying a project from first sketch to finished typeset spreads.
- Work across traditional and digital media, combining oil painting and digital illustration within a single project.
- Set designer and concept artist on a film project: visual concepts and work alongside the production team.

2021 — 2024

Design merchandiser
Vega World LLC

- Led a merchandising team of up to 10 people: allocating work across the floor and window displays, and training new hires in design merchandising.
- Designed the sales floor and window displays and prepared the store for promotions and seasonal campaigns.
- Organised customer events to bring in visitors, and gathered and analysed customer feedback.
- Represented the store at Expo, produced designs for advertising shoots and ran collaborations with bloggers.

2020 — 2021

Furniture designer, private projects

- Ran private commissions end to end: taking the brief, modelling the furniture in 3D and agreeing the final design with the client.
- Oversaw the manufacturing process and the finished result in production.

Education

2019 — 2023

State Academy of Fine Arts of Armenia

BA, Fine Art — Painting · GPA 3.58

Skills

Painting and works on paper

Oil painting
Works on paper
Academic drawing

Digital illustration

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Book illustration
Comics and webtoon

3D and production

Blender
Unreal Engine
Pro100
DaVinci Resolve

Organising

Exhibitions
Creative workshops
Team leadership

Languages

Russian

native

Armenian

upper-intermediate

English

intermediate

Volunteering

Sevan Startup Summit

20–26 July 2025 · Sevan Festival City, Armenia
Volunteered in support of the summit's organisation and delivery.

View certificate (PDF) ↗

Guide at the Children's Museum

Educational tours and hands-on sessions for children.

Set designer on a film project

Visual concepts and concept art, working with the production team.