

Sarah Grana

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Education

Columbia College Chicago:

Chicago, IL
Bachelor of Fine Arts

January 2006

Cumulative GPA: 3.84/4.0
Minor in Art History

Professional Experience

American Academy of Art- Admissions Counselor

January 2008-Present

Chicago, Illinois

- Interviewing students, reviewing portfolios, discussing career goals
- Guiding students and parents through the application process
- Giving group presentations about the BFA program and careers in the art field
- Giving tours of the college and gallery
- Organizing Open Houses, Special Events, Gallery Openings
- Photographing special events: i.e. Artist Guest Lectures, Gallery Shows, Social Events
- Knowledgeable on the internal structure and processing of an educational institution
- Familiar with Marketing trends and strategies

Portrait Innovations – Professional Photographer/Studio Associate

June 2006 – November 2007

Orland Park, Illinois

- Experience and mastery of various hybrid photography software/editing programs
- Trained with FUJI printer series 5000-trouble shooting, maintenance, upkeep
- Professionally trained in photography, aesthetics, and mechanics of the camera
- Enthusiastic sales skills and responsible for keeping a budget goal within the studio
- Strong communication and organization skills working with families and children

Columbia College Chicago – Art/Design Teacher's Assistant

September 2004 – January 2006

Chicago, Illinois

- Studio upkeep, distribution of supplies, tools, and supplemental reading material to students
- Assisting students on proper usage and techniques of various art tools and mediums

Freelance Work- Interior Muralist/Set Designer

July 2001 – August 2004

Chicago, Illinois

- Designing, drawing, and painting interiors for individual clients' homes
- Craft, woodworking, set design and layout for community, theatre, and dance performance

Celestial Lynn Gallery – Gallery Assistant

June – July 2004

Chicago Ridge, Illinois

- Collecting and displaying works of art (oil, acrylic)
- Assembling the gallery, maintaining the space, assisting clients in purchase decisions
- Custom Framing, restoration of damaged work, packaging of all artwork

Awards/Honors/Seminars

- Honors Exhibition People's Choice Monetary Award (Columbia College Chicago), 2005
- Honorable Mention Art Show (Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Park, Illinois), 2001
- Artist's Choice Awards (Studio 99 Private Gallery, Blue Island, Illinois), 2001
- Art Institute of Chicago Figure Drawing Workshop, 2001
- Art Achievement Certificate of Excellence (Village of Oak Lawn), 2001
- Columbia College Chicago High School Institute Program, 2000

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Exhibitions/Shows

- La Grange Art League Traveling Art Journal, 2011
- Vogt Art Museum, 2011
- Tinley Park Art Fair, 2010
- Spot 6 Chicago Art Gallery, 2007
- Columbia College Chicago Fine Arts Graduation Exhibition, 2006
- Columbia College Chicago [C] Spaces Honors Exhibition, 2005
- Columbia College Chicago Sketchy Show, 2005
- Columbia College Chicago Fifth Annual Student Exhibit "Luminous", 2004
- Celestial Lynn Gallery, 2004-2005
- Columbia College Chicago May Fest Art Exhibition, 2003
- Columbia College Chicago Fresh Pick Art Collection, 2002
- Studio 99, 2001