



# Ben Stephen

Visdev + background paint + illustration

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## EDUCATION

### College for Creative Studies

Detroit, MI

Entertainment arts,  
Concept design major

Pursuing BFA

Graduation date: May 2027

### ArtCenter College of Design

Pasadena, CA

Entertainment Design,  
Concept

Exchange program

Fall Semester, 2025

## SKILLS

- Visual Development
- Illustration
- Background Painting
- Layout Design
- Color Design
- Character design
- Environment Design

## SOFTWARE

- Adobe Photoshop
- Blender
- Procreate

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Beyond the Velvet Rope AB

May 2025 - Oct 2025

Environment Concept Artist

Created concept art illustrations for animated musical film (pitch)

Worked with a script to design key environments

### Studio Moon Moon

June 2025 - Sept 2025

Background Painter

Painted backgrounds for animated short film

Spainted using a style guide

Worked and iterated under feedback from supervisors

### Asentropy Studios LLC

May 2025

Environment Illustrator

Created Environment illustrations for Shooter game pitch

worked with director to fit his vision

### BDUKEHUBB, INC

Dec 2023-Feb 2025

Background Painter, Concept artist

Created background paintings for animated pitch trailer

Created environment concept art for pitch deck

helped in developing visual style of the project

### OwlCrate

July 2024-Aug 2024,

March 2025

Book Illustrator

Created 3 reversible dust jacket book cover illustrations

### FIGHTER CalArts film

Dec 2024-Jan 2025

3d Background Artist

Created the 3d background for Reni Park's 2<sup>nd</sup> year CalArts animated short film

### DreamCatchers

Dec 2024-Jan 2025

3d Background Artist

Created 3d backgrounds for episode 4 of the DreamCatchers show, (Directed by CalArts students Matthew Lei and Val Yu)

## AWARDS+ ACHIEVEMENTS

### Lightbox Holly Jolly Paint-a-thon

December 14-15, 2024

2nd Place Winner (as a group)

### Lightbox Holly Jolly Paint-a-thon

December 13-14, 2025

2nd Place Winner (as a group)

### Art Featured on Procreate's Instagram page

Nov 3, 2024