


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

Studio Showoff, Saturday Night Live

March 2026

Background Painter

Created Background paintings for SNL animated short Brad and his Dad ep. 3
Matched style and worked and iterated under feedback from directors

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

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)

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December 13-14, 2025

2nd Place Winner (as a group)

Art Featured on Procreate's Instagram page

Nov 3, 2024