

## Awards and Accolades

Out of 150+ schools across the country, Ringling College of Art and Design's Illustration program has been ranked as **No. 3 nationally**, **No. 1 in the South**, and **No. 1 in Florida** by prestigious higher education evaluator, *Animation Career Review*.

## Gallery Representation

**Brandt-Roberts Galleries**  
Ohio

**Butler Institute of American Art**  
Ohio

**Cahoon Museum of American Art**  
Massachusetts

**CNYCAC Gallery**  
New York

**Dahesh Museum of Art**  
New York

**Fort Wayne Museum of Art**  
Texas

**Ghostprint Gallery**  
Virginia

**Kiley Court Gallery**  
Massachusetts

**Williamsburg Art Nexus**  
New York

**Pacini Lubel Gallery**  
Washington

**Palm Avenue Fine Art**  
Florida

## Faculty

**Scott Gordley**  
MFA Video & Performance  
Tufts University

**Dominic Avant**  
BA Fine Arts, Illustration  
Rhode Island School  
of Design

**Gary Barker**  
BFA Illustration  
Brigham Young University

**Renee Bates**  
BFA Illustration  
Brigham Young University

**Aaron Board**  
MFA Painting  
New York Academy of Art

**Don Brandes**  
MA Illustration  
Syracuse University

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BFA Illustration  
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BFA Fine Arts  
Ringling College of  
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BFA Fine Arts, Illustration  
Rhode Island School  
of Design

**David Gardner**  
BS Speech  
Northwestern University

**Stephanie Henderson**  
MFA Painting  
Wayne State University

**John Herzog**  
BFA Animation  
Brigham Young University

**Christina Hess**  
BFA Illustration  
University of the Arts

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MFA Visual Arts  
Columbus College of Art  
and Design

**Dustin Juengel**  
MA Fine Arts  
Chelsea College of Art  
and Design

**Michael Marsicano**  
MFA Illustration  
School of Visual Arts

**James Martin**  
BFA Fine Arts, Illustration  
Art Center College of Design

**Sean Murray**  
BFA Illustration  
Syracuse University

**Octavio Perez**  
BFA Illustration  
Ringling College of  
Art and Design

**George Pratt**  
BFA Drawing/Painting  
Pratt Institute

**Caleb Prochnow**  
BFA Illustration  
Ringling College of  
Art and Design

**Ken Spirduso**  
BFA Illustration  
University of Kansas

**Joseph Thiel**  
MFA Illustration/Drawing  
State University of NY  
at Buffalo

**Bjorn Thorkelson**  
MFA Fine Arts  
Academy of Art University

**Rebecca Zomchek**  
MFA Illustration as  
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School of Visual Arts



# Illustration

## Visualizing ideas and stories.

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Here's a sneak peek →



The Illustration curriculum is designed to be broad-based, providing students with multiple skills enabling them to pursue a variety of professional avenues. **Our program offers 2 tracks: General Illustration and Illustration for Visual Development.** All students take general illustration courses (including first year foundations courses) in year 1 & 2. In year 3 & 4 students have the option of either following the General Illustration track or the Visual Development track.

Working in 2D and 3D, Illustration students are introduced to and familiarized with professional industry techniques through exercises, demonstrations, guest speakers, critiques, collaborative projects, internships, recruiter workshops, and interactions with real clients in the area. By the time you graduate, you will be prepared to take on countless illustration positions and share a comprehensive, cohesive portfolio that showcases your distinct visual voice.

Professional venues that employ our graduates include: book covers & graphic novels for the publishing industry, comics, editorial art for magazines & newspapers (digital & hardcopy), advertising art, concept art for film, animation & gaming, 3D toy design, surface and pattern design for apparel companies, and illustration integrated with graphic oriented design.



Artwork: Rabbit Race by Emory Kjelsberg

## Facilities and Studio Space

The Illustration Department offers an array of top quality facilities to create and exhibit student artwork. We provide three Cintiq labs solely for Illustration, access to three 24-hour Cintiq labs, painting and drawing studios, and a laptop for every student that is fully equipped with the latest Adobe Creative Suite software. The Illustration building, located centrally on campus, also houses its own gallery and several exhibition spaces to showcase the work of Illustration students, faculty, and alumni. The annual Illustration show, *Illst of Ill*, is a department juried exhibition that is curated and coordinated entirely by students.

## Society of Illustrators

To date, Ringling College students have won more awards in the 40-year history of the Society of Illustrators than any other college, and comprise the highest number of accepted entries into the Society's annual Student Scholarship Competition. About 300 works are chosen from more than 8,700 entries submitted by professors of college-level students nationwide. A competition which can kick start a career, the Student Scholarship Competition challenges students to bring their most sophisticated, well-crafted, and original work to be tested by a jury of professional peers, including illustrators and art directors, that selects the most outstanding works created throughout the year.

## Visiting Artists and Companies

Chris Buzelli	James Gurney	American Greetings
Marcos Chin	Anita Kunz	Disney
Will Cotton	Greg Manchess	Hallmark
Thomas Fluharty	Victo Ngai	Pixar Animation Studios
Jon Foster	Dorian Vallejo	
Carter Goodrich	Glenn Vilppu	

## Residency and Study Abroad Programs

Ringling College maintains a relationship with SACI, Studio Arts Center International, located in Florence, Italy, and we highly encourage our students to participate. Students can choose to enter the semester-long exchange program in the spring and/or the four- to five-week summer program for transfer credit.

## Employers

Abercrombie & Fitch  
 American Greetings  
 Apple  
 Blue Sky Studios  
 Cartoon Network  
 CIA  
 Creative Arts  
 Disney  
 EA Games  
 Flickr  
 GM  
 Hallmark  
 Hasbro  
 Lilly Pulitzer  
 Marvel Studios  
 Moonbot Studios  
 Riot Games  
 Zynga

## Internships

Abercrombie & Fitch  
 American Greetings  
 Blue Sky Studios  
 Disney  
 GM  
 Hallmark  
 Hasbro  
 Moonbot  
 Pixar