

# ISABELLE YOUNG

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*Arts and Outdoor Education Teacher, Freelance Artist*



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## SUMMARY

I am a passionate educator and artist who loves to channel my personal passions into sharing resources and facilitating learning about environmentalism, social connectedness, creativity, and self expression. My teaching philosophy reflects my personal ideology that by “stretching the creative muscle” within each of us, we can grow the good parts of us and our world.

## EDUCATION

### *THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA*

Bachelor of Fine Arts • 2019 - 2023

Art and Visual Culture Education, 3D Arts Emphasis, Teaching PreK-12

*Summa Cum Laude, 3.95 GPA*

### *MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL*

Danville, California • 2015 - 2019

*3.61 GPA*

## SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- AZ Teaching Certification 2023 • AZ DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card
- proficient in Google Drive, Microsoft Teams, Canva, Procreate, Weebly, Wix, CAD
- familiar with Adobe Cloud
- expanding Spanish language speaker
- interdisciplinary lesson and unit curriculum writer
- teaching ages 3 - 93, including differently abled learners and ELLs
- **2D**
  - *ink • charcoal • acrylic • watercolor • gouache • mural making*
  - *digital and film photography • videography • graphic design • Procreate digital art*
- **3D**
  - *hand-built ceramics • functional & sculptural woodwork • functional welding • sculptural metalwork • structural design*
  - *jewelry making • embroidery • natural dying • paper making • candle making • natural art sculpture • interior design layout and building • sustainable landscape architecture*
- gardening, foraging, backpacking, cooking/fermenting/preserving
- site planning, team management, project development, organizing, delegation
- patient, optimistic, hardworking, resourceful, reliable, flexible
- freelance artist [@isabellespaintedsky](https://www.instagram.com/isabellespaintedsky)



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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### ART AND LIFESTYLE CONTENT CREATOR • SUMMER 2023 TO PRESENT

*Self employed, working remotely*

- creating a self-made art brand focused on my connection with nature and traveling
- co-built and maintaining a custom website portfolio
- publishing designs and art for purchase
- consistently promoting art and travels to social media
- collaborating with other artists and movements

### VIRTUAL ARTS TEACHER • SUMMER TO FALL 2023

*See Create Art, Green Valley, AZ*

- taught and wrote original 2D lessons for Zoom classes
- experience teaching to hearing impaired middle school students with interpreter
- managed an online classroom culture and communicated accessibly

### STUDENT TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL CERAMICS • 2023

*UA AVCE Program, Ironwood Ridge HS, Oro Valley, AZ*

- full time teaching experience leading foundational art skills and ceramic projects high schoolers
- created various unit plans with 3D materials, centered around my “stretching the art muscle” teaching philosophy
- established and fostered a positive, experimental, self-advocating, challenging classroom environment
- improved my workload stamina and adaptability of lessons
- worked on accessible learning with students who have IEPs, 504 plans, ELLs, and in the Cross-Cat program

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TEAM LEAD • 2021 - 2023

*Compost Cats, University of Arizona Office of Sustainability, AZ*

- created/taught Learning Sessions with original environmental topics/“STEAM” pedagogy lessons
- created supplemental site and learning components including signage, murals, site plans, SOP lists, and interactive learning features on site with team of student workers
- built/maintained/improved educational demonstration sites
- managed Education Team coworkers with schedules, deadlines, meetings, delegation of tasks, and goals
- gained skills in fair management practices, perseverance, commitment to projects, and creative problem solving



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## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### ART PROGRAM COORDINATOR/ASSISTANT ART DIRECTOR & EDUCATOR • SUMMER 2021

#### *URJ Camp Newman, CA*

- oversaw URJ Camp Newman's Visual Arts Program
- taught campers ages 3-18 in 2D and 3D arts for 3+ art classes daily for 80 days, teaching all kinds of mediums and concepts
- wrote 20+ original lesson plans and 4 unit plans
- developed communication/time/classroom management skills, flexibility and resourcefulness in mediums and facilities

### CASA ALITAS ARTS TEACHER • SPRING 2020

#### *Casa Alitas Refuge Humanitarian Aid Project, Tucson, AZ*

- facilitated art for ages 4-18, communicated only in Spanish
- used art to support participants, who seek asylum in the US at the center while in the process of immigrating to the US with their families
- developed and facilitated simple 2D art activities with optimistic and/or memory based prompts to help participants reflect, process, and unwind from their immigration journey thus far

### COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEER/PLOT HOLDER • 2019 - 2023

#### *Students for Sustainability ASUA Program, UAz Community Garden, Tucson, AZ*

- volunteered 200+ hours working with fellow college students to advocate for environmental policies on campus and locally
- participated in events to spread environmental awareness, advocate for sustainable campus services and actions
- volunteered 600+ hours at the UAz Community Garden to build water basins, maintain compost systems, design/plant/maintain herb beds, pollinator beds, nocturnal beds, and native food beds accompanied by bilingual interactive educational information for passive learning, and native plant landscaping on the UA Mall surrounding the USS Arizona Mall Memorial

### VISUAL ART STUDENT • SUMMER 2018

#### *BIMA Pre-College Program, Brandeis University*

- immersive summer program with a pluralistic Jewish participants and staff
- intense 2D art curriculum encompassing art history and visits to Boston's museums, observation drawing and live models, charcoal and ink sketching, oil painting
- featured acrylic paintings in the Brandeis Art gallery for public viewing



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### PRE-K ASSISTANT TEACHER • SUMMER 2018

#### *Danville Chabad Summer Camp, CA*

- assisted in activity facilitation in the day-to-day camp tasks and curriculum
- fostered a positive, enthusiastic, and welcoming camp environment
- supported individual emotional and physical needs of young campers and communicated with families about their camper's wellbeing at camp

### ART COMPANION VOLUNTEER • 2016 - 2019

#### *Opening Minds Through Art @ Reutlinger Assisted Living Home Danville, CA*

- paired with a different elderly companion each year from the memory care unit
- learned and enacted assistance focused on the experience of having Alzheimer's
- assisted participants in creating a different abstract 2D art project each week as a tool to rechart their memories and events/people/things that bring them joy

### CATERING SERVER • 2016 - 2018

#### *Chez Michelle Catering Company, CA*

- set up, maintained, and closed small and large scale events
- served hors d'oeuvres, buffet, and sit-down service
- worked in a fast paced, technical, and personable environment

### VISUAL AND MUSICAL ARTS TEACHER • 2015 - 2019

#### *Congregation B'nai Tikvah Hebrew School, CA*

- taught ages 4-13 weekly as Head Art Teacher
- created weekly lesson plans based on upcoming Jewish holidays, customs, and concepts
- established leadership skills, confident public speaking, classroom organization, and creativity with mediums

### FOR-HIRE EVENT ART TEACHER • 2015 - 2017

#### *self-employed, CA*

- worked at various events to facilitate art activities for guests
- created and provided materials for art activities
- each guest was ensured their art piece was successful and had a fun time in the process

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- UA Dean's List With Distinction, Academic Year Highest Academic Distinction 2019-2023

