

Kuhoo Mitra

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CREATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE

Illustration and Design Intern

Bani Sansad Publishing House - Kolkata, India
May-August 2024

Designed and illustrated a book of nursery rhymes and activities for children aged 5-8 years. Illustrated the poems using traditional and digital mediums (watercolor, colored pencils and photoshop), and did the page designs. Illustrated and designed the cover. Planned and designed the activities for each poem.

Freelance Illustrator

Kolkata, India and New York, USA
2018 - Present

Illustrated the covers of various published books, especially stories and poems from Bengal. Notable works include:

- Book cover of a collection of Bengali short stories titled *ওদের গল্প* (Translation: Their Story) written by Shreya Ghose, published in 2020.
- Book cover of a collection of Bengali poems titled *সময়ের চোখে* (Translation: Through the Eye of Time) written by Subhanu Mitra in 2018.
- Cover of the Annual Magazine of Drishti (an Indian Non-Governmental Organization) in 2018.

Worked with a team of art directors and designers at various publishing houses. Communicated with the writers to ensure my illustrations matched their vision.

Illustrator and Designer for Lotus Buds Magazine

Modern High School - Kolkata, India
2019-2021

Illustrated poems and short stories published in the magazines. Designed the page layouts for the magazine. Did spot illustrations for articles in the magazine. Worked closely with the editorial team and art director of the magazine.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Head Orientation Leader / Team Leader

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
Fall 2024

Welcomed new students on campus and helped them move in. Organized and conducted events for new students. Headed a team of Orientation Leaders. Helped first-time Orientation Leaders familiarize themselves with the job.

BFA Illustration Student Senator

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
September-December 2023

Student Representative of the Illustration Department. Worked closely with the Student Government. Organized and conducted events for Illustration students. Communicated the concerns of the Illustration students to the Student Government.

Orientation Leader

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Welcomed new students on campus. Helped new students move in. Assisted in the orientation events and activities for the incoming students.

EDUCATION

School of Visual Arts - BFA Illustration (GPA: 3.98)

New York City, USA
2021 - 2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

BFA Illustration and Comics Award

School of Visual Arts Alumni Society - New York City, USA
2025

Merit-based scholarship award granted to promising BFA Illustration and Comics students in their final year to aid in the completion of their final projects.

Silas H. Rhodes Scholarship

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
2021-2025

Merit-based tuition scholarship.

High Term Honors

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
Status granted to students whose GPA is within the top 5% of all students in their major department.

Regional Award Winner in an All-India Competition

INTACH - Kolkata, India
2018-2019

Award won in an all-India art competition hosted by Indian Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage in 2018.

EXHIBITIONS AND MARKETS

Solo Exhibition

Calcutta Rowing Club - Kolkata, India
2024

VASA Exhibition for Environmental Awareness and Student Activism - Contributing Artist

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
2024

Holiday Bazaar - Vendor

School of Visual Arts - New York City, USA
2023

SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Procreate, Mac and Windows Operating Systems, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office

Proficient in multiple traditional mediums including (but not limited to) gouache, watercolor, acrylic, charcoal, graphite, colored pencils, relief printmaking, screenprinting and risograph printing.

LANGUAGES

English and Bengali (Native), Hindi (Fluent)