Born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa, Sawyer McNutt grew up surrounded by art. His father, Jeff McNutt is a very accomplished painter and helped Sawyer along the way to becoming an artist himself. Growing up drawing, and painting, he explored his artistic talent through writing stories and drawing graphic novels in his spare time. It wasn't until the age of fourteen when he began to take himself seriously as an artist. The Summer in the Arts program, run by Northern Illinois University, helped Sawyer develop his craft and explore what it means to be a professional artist. For four years, Sawyer returned to the Summer in the Arts camp to continue to explore different mediums and gain connections in the art industry. Sawyer uses his knowledge and skills to create artwork that inspires the viewer, whether that's to inspire new artists or to fuel an emotion or passion one might have in their own lives. Mainly focusing on digital art and graphic design, Sawyer McNutt plans on one day working as a concept artist, working to visualize films and other visual media. He is currently working towards his Bachelor

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