

Donald Johnson's Artist Biography

Ever since a child, Donald would constantly daydream and scribble nonsense on his homework. Now as an adult he expresses those dreams in the physical world through his drawing and painting skills. Donald Johnson is an artist who hails from Aurora, Illinois and decided to commute to Dekalb in order to pursue a Bachelors of Science in Art. While most of his family and friends lived in Chicago, Donald was able to find comfort in cartoons, animated movies, and comics while he grew up in Aurora. Storytelling became a source that filled the void and distance from his friends. While combining his love of the arts with his passion for storytelling, Donald hopes those who view his work are able to gain a sense of familiarity and amazement. The same colorful entertainment that kept him from feeling alone as an adolescent. "The thing that made me want to pursue art as my career, was this japanese comic called *One Piece*. Reading Eiichiro Oda's manga (Japanese comic) left me in awe. I was blown away at the creativity and emotions that he was able to transfer to me. I feel that my art needs a story, and it needs to be told in a colorful and unique way. I want to be as sincere as I can with my work"

After studying at **Northern Illinois University**, Donald hones his traditional skills, digital skills, and mixed media style for his journey in the comic/graphic novel and graphic design fields.

