



Graphic Design, Illustration & Fine Art

**MELODY GRACE DUENAS**

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{GOALS/OBJECTIVES}

To be a well rounded artist, strong in graphic design, web design, editorial & children's illustration (both digital & traditional media), while also growing as a gallery & installation artist.

{A LITTLE ABOUT MELODY}

Melody is 22 years old, & loves all forms of art & design, being as silly & imaginative as possible, & baking scrumptious gluten-free pastries & breads.

{AWARDS & HONORS}

The Hanae Mori Perfume Fall 2008 Art Student Contest;  
Showed in the South Coast Plaza Bloomingdales & won 3rd place in regional finals

Honorable Mention in Laguna College Art & Design Spring 2007 T-Shirt Design Contest

International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipient in Art, June 2005; Perfect score of 7:7

{REFERENCES}

Available upon request.

{DESIGN & ARTISTIC SKILL SETS}

Proficient in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Microsoft Word, and Powerpoint. Some experience with Adobe Flash, Microsoft Excel, and Corel Painter. Familiar with HTML and CSS languages. Willing to learn new programs.

Skill Sets Include:

Digital: logo design, branding, vector & digital illustrations, print, packaging, and web design.  
Traditional: proficient in oil, graphite, watercolor and ink for gallery work, editorial illustration, and children's illustration.

{EXPERIENCE & VOLUNTEER WORK}

The Neighborhood Cup, Aliso Viejo, CA  
June - November 2009

Cashier & Server; \$8 an hour

A family owned neighborhood coffee shop, specializing in "more than just coffee." My duties included: greeting & serving customers, working the register, and food preparation. I learned how to better interact with customers, and was challenged to think on my feet quickly while handling conflicts gracefully.

LCAD Student Council, Laguna Beach, CA  
Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

Illustration Representative; Volunteer Work

As a part of the student government at Laguna College of Art & Design, my duties included: attending student govt. meetings, speaking with & listening to wants/needs of fellow students, and organizing events. Representing the largest combined major for the school was quite an undertaking; one that supplied me invaluable experience in teamwork, dealing with clients, and customer service.

{EDUCATION & ADDITIONAL TRAINING}

Laguna College of Art & Design  
Laguna Beach, CA; Fall 2005 - Fall 2010  
BFA Illustration

Lance Richlin Atelier  
Laguna Beach, CA; Spring 2006  
Technics in Oil Painting

Art Center College of Design  
Pasadena, CA; Fall 2002 - Spring 2003  
Saturday High Program: Figure Drawing

{FREELANCE & COMMISSIONS}

Logo & Web Banner;  
Sport Spa, April - July 2010

Logo & Web Design;  
Rotten Scoundrels, June 2009

Logo, Web Designs, T-Shirt Designs;  
Thirty 3 Threes, March - October 2008

Web Design;  
Head Start Birth, 2007

Excel Custom Contracting, Inc., Upland, CA  
June 2006 - October 2008

Graphic and Web Designer; \$20-25 an hour

Excel CCI was a small company, specializing in custom homes and high-end kitchen & bath remodels. As the only graphic designer on staff, my list of responsibilities included: all print and marketing materials, the logo design and branding of the company, as well as the design and upkeep of the company website. I gained a breadth of knowledge in what it takes to brand a company's image.

L.B.I. Boyd, Inc., San Dimas, CA  
February - May 2005

Assistant & Graphic Design Intern; \$8 an hour

Specializing in audio paneling for movie theaters, L.B.I. Boyd also has a Home Theater division, in which I was the assistant to the lead Interior Designer. I helped make presentation boards for clients, pulling fabric samples, and creating mock-3D comps and layouts of room designs using both Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator. I also worked as a Graphic Design Intern, working on logo designs and upkeep with the company website. This gave me my first look into the corporate world, and my first experience in an office environment.

{SELECTED EXHIBITIONS}

The Hive Gallery & Studios, August 2010  
Featured Artist 2: Melody Grace Duenas  
Presents "The Siren & The Black Widow"

The Hive Gallery & Studios, September 2009  
Tall Wall Artist: Melody Grace Duenas  
Presents "Truth Beauty Freedom Love"

Laguna College of Art & Design  
Annual "Best of the Best" Showcase  
2007 - 2010

{ARTICLES & PRESS}

Debbie L. Sklar, "Determined Young Artist Has No Intention of Starving," *OC Register*, June 2009.

"Briefly in Education: Students Smell Success with Contest," *Laguna Beach Coastline Pilot*, November 2008

Candice Baker, "Pieces of Their Plight," *Laguna Beach Coastline Pilot*, February 2008