

# CATAPHANT

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## PROFILE

*Designer & Fine Artist with background in music who specializes in handmade work based on a synesthetic lexicon of shapes & colors. 10 years experience in arts education, community engagement, & program management. Seeking broad range of design & exhibition opportunities.*

## SKILLS

### COMMUNICATION

Administrative writing. Event planning. Public speaking. Web & online store design, Social Media Marketing, curriculum development and teaching. Soft Skills: intuitive, friendly, concise, reliable, direct.

### VISUAL

Photoshop, Procreate, collage & mixed media, Acrylic/oil/watercolor/gauche paint, fine observational & figure drawing.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### ALBUM ART DIRECTION & DESIGN 2018-Present

- Draw from an expansive knowledge of art history & contemporary art to bring depth & cultural relevance to artist's visual branding including but not limited to album art, social media feeds, music videos, interview angles, fashion choices, and photography.
- Intuitively investigate client's work to select aesthetics that communicate the core of their messaging, ensuring that client feels accurately represented & connected with artwork.
- Design eye-catching album visuals based on an intuitive understanding of music & aesthetic connection.
- Develop engaging marketing plans based on audience demographics, project themes, and personality of the client.
- Past & current clients include Derek Minor, GAWVI, Jannine Weigel, Citizens, Eagle & Child, Cassandra Jolie, Willow Stephens, and Ghost Ship.

### OTHER FREELANCE DESIGN WORK 2018-Present

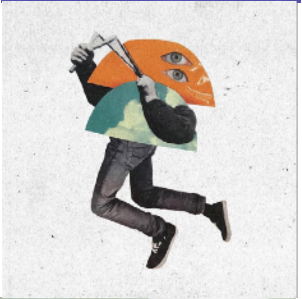
- Book cover design for Christopher R Williams, to be released book, 2018.
- Restaurant Concept 278 interior redesign, San Diego, 2018.
- Roosevelt Middle School teacher's lounge re-design, 2017.

### CREATIVE CONSULTATION SERVICES 2018-Present

- Work with several stores, creative entrepreneurs, and musicians to develop branding & marketing strategies, tweak online presence, business planning, mission statements, website development, and PR angles.
- Clients include Adornment & Theory, Joy Itiola Play School, Astaire Woldemichael, Michaela Antocio, [mamawheel.com](http://mamawheel.com), and Wordsplayed.

### STUDIO ASSISTANT | KELSEY BROOKES STUDIO, SAN DIEGO CA 2018

- Worked with a team of artists to assist in the making of Brookes' art pieces, replicating his unique line making style to create museum & exhibition ready, highly detailed, large scale pieces.



## EDUCATION

The Maryland Institute College of Art, First Year Program; Baltimore, Maryland 2006-2007  
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis in Art Education;  
Chicago IL 2007-2011

## EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS

- *You Belong Here* group exhibit, *You Belong Here*, San Diego, December 2018
- Solo Show, *Coffee and Tea Collective*, San Diego October 2018
- *Gold Standard* group exhibit, *One Bunk*, San Diego March 2018
- *The Space We Grow Into*, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago May 2018
- *Its Ok Probably* pop up, *Concept 278*, San Diego December 2017
- 20th International Open, *Woman Made Gallery*, Chicago September 2017
- Live Artist at *CumbiaSazo!*, Chicago 2016
- Curated: *Jahn Elementary School of Fine Arts Year-end retrospective: The City is a Canvas 2015*
- Curated: *Jahn Elementary School of Fine Arts 1st Annual year-end retrospective: Intuitive 2014*
- *Stations of the Cross, an Interactive art event* at *The Room*, Melrose Park, IL 2013
- *Nocturne Group Show*, *I AM Logan Square* Chicago, Illinois March 2012
- *Stations of the Cross Interactive Art Gallery*, *Armitage Baptist Church*, Chicago 2012
- *SEE.KNOW.LOVE*, *The Den theatre*, Chicago December 2 2011
- *Buy Art Not People*, *Flourish Studios*, Chicago May 19th 2012
- *BFA Show Sullivan Galleries*, Chicago Illinois March 2011
- *Stone Soup Collective show*, *Armitage Baptist Church* Chicago Illinois July 2009

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- *Student Leadership Award SAIC 2007-2008*
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- *Ingenuity Grant, Chicago Public Schools, 2016*
- *FundForTeachers Fellowship to South America, 2016*

## WORKSHOPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Seattle 6 professional development creative retreat, 2019*
- *"Making a Living from Art" Panelist at You Belong Here event, 2019*
- *Floral Collage Workshop at North Park Nursery, 2019*
- *Guest Panelist, Spotlight: Politics & Protest by Propaganda & Sho Baraka, 2016*

## PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

- *"Meet Catalina (Cataphant) Bellizzi-Itiola," San Diego Voyager, <http://sdvoyager.com/interview/meet-catalina-bellizzi-itiola/>*
- *"Featured Artist, Catalina Bellizzi," N-tch Magazine, <https://www.notch-mag.com/faded-rose/2018/9/25/a-conversation-with-cataphant>*
- *"We Don't understand Eachother," The Red Couch Podcast <https://redcouchpodcast.podbean.com/e/we-dont-understand-each-other/>*
- *"20 of the most Creative Christians We Know" Meet the Makers series, Christianity Today, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2016/julaug/catalina-bellizzi.html>*
- *Featured Release interview, Rapzilla, <https://rapzilla.com/2015-12-cataphant-s-students-think-her-music-s-weird-humble-beast-doesn-t/>*

