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Robert Johnson

Artist

Emerging painter and illustrator two years out of undergrad, focused on figurative oil work and editorial commissions. Recent group shows in Richmond and Charlottesville, with a growing freelance illustration practice.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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KEY SKILLS

- Oil and gouache painting
- Editorial illustration
- Procreate and Adobe Photoshop
- Risograph and zine production
- Gallery install (hanging, lighting, vinyl)
- Instagram and Mailchimp
- Basic framing and matting
- Studio inventory tracking

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE PAINTER AND ILLUSTRATOR | SELF-EMPLOYED, RICHMOND, VA 2022 – PRESENT

- Completed 14 commissioned portraits at price points between \$400 and \$1,600, with a six-week average turnaround.
- Placed work in three juried group shows including the James River Emerging Artists exhibition.
- Built an Instagram following from 320 to 4,800 over 18 months, with 22 commission inquiries traced to the account.
- Self-published a 32-page risograph zine; sold the full run of 150 copies through two local bookstores.

GALLERY ASSISTANT | COBBLESTONE CONTEMPORARY, RICHMOND, VA 2022 – 2023

- Installed and de-installed work for 9 monthly exhibitions, including lighting, vinyl labels, and patch-and-paint.
- Wrote weekly social posts that doubled gallery email signups during the spring season.
- Assisted lead curator with artist intake calls and consignment paperwork for roughly 40 artists.

EDUCATION

BFA, Painting and Printmaking, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2022