Gage Spehar
Visual Development Artist

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Education

Cleveland Institute of Art
B.F.A. Illustration, May 2025
Cum Laude: G.P.A. 3.6

Experience

CIA Production Workshop
Visual Development Artist
Cleveland, Ohio | January - May 2025
Animated Film Concept
- Developed an environment and character design for a hypothetical Pixar film.

7 Minute Stories Podcast Cover Image
- Selected as winner of a competition to create a cover image for a podcast story.

Gap Closer Games
Concept Artist
Cleveland, Ohio | January – May 2025
- Created backgrounds and character designs for an upcoming board game.
- Selected as one of the strongest designs.

Grog Shop
Digital Illustrator
Cleveland, Ohio | January – May, 2025
- Designed a concert promotion poster for an underground band called Meat Bodies.

American Greetings
Digital Illustrator/Character designer
Cleveland, Ohio | January – May 2025
- Designed characters and environments to create a memorable holiday greeting card.

WaterHigh
Digital Illustrator
Chagrin Falls, Ohio | June 2022 - August 2022
- Summer internship focused on designing characters for a lifestyle clothing brand.
- Collaborated with the art director to create new character designs.

Skills

Visual Development | Digital Illustration | Character Design | Concept Art | Environment Design

Technical

Procreate | Adobe Illustrator | Adobe Photoshop

Awards & Recognitions

Gund Family Scholarship, Cleveland Institute of Art, August 2020 – May 2025
Senior Traveling Scholarship Finalist, Cleveland Institute of Art, May 2025
Grog Shop Poster Display: Selected among top designs for client band poster display
Podcast promotion design winner with cash reward. 7 Minute Stories, May 2025
Gap Closer Games Concept Design Recognition: Recognized as one of the top designs by client

Interests

History | German language and culture | Music: electro-swing, breakbeat, triphop

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