

SOPHIE GROENSTEIN

Illustrator/Muralist

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Artist Bio

Born and raised in Connecticut, Sophie Groenstein stands out as a multi-faceted creator who brings her artwork to life by celebrating the warmth of individuality through a vibrant lens. Her distinctive style emanates positivity and binds the dynamic spirit of her surrounding community to share their story, inspire reflection, and form connections.

After earning her BFA in illustration, Sophie turned her passion for creating murals into two separate businesses: *Sophie Groenstein LLC* and *WallsTalkCo*. Her mission as a professional muralist is to empower those of all ages to find their inner artists and to represent communities of all backgrounds through her art.

Work Experience

Freelance LLC Muralist and Editorial Illustrator (April 2022-Present)

Adjunct Art Teacher in Community Mural Painting, *Lighthouse Holyoke & Southington Art Center* (March 2023-August 2023.)

- Encourage students to foster teamwork, originality, and a sense of pride to develop their ideas visually and consider the impact of public art in communities.
- Inspire participants to learn how murals can be created to promote cultural awareness, express community values, and beautify public spaces.

Enrichment Art Teacher, *YMCA of Greater Hartford* (June 2019- August 2019, East Hartford, CT.)

- Demonstrate class-core values (excellence, collaboration, learning, respect, and courage) through various developments. activities based on art for grades k-5th grade.
- Empower students and encourage problem-solving skill development through art-related techniques and projects.

Exhibitions

- 2023- **Weha Brewing Co**, "Monthly Artist Pop-Up" West Hartford, CT.
- 2023- **Monarch Festival**, First Town Downtown, Windsor, CT.
- 2023- **The Committee**, "*Peace and Understanding*", Windsor Art Center, CT.
- 2022- **Art Pop-Up**, Gastro Park, West Hartford, CT.
- 2022- **Hartford Art Space Showcase**, Hartford, CT.
- 2022- **Senior Exhibition Show**, Joseloff Gallery, West Hartford, CT.
- 2021- **Art for AIDS**, Hartford, CT.
- 2021- **Goldfarb Juried Exhibition**, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT.
- 2020- **Art for AIDS**, Hartford, CT.
- 2019- **Silpe Gallery Group Exhibition**, West Hartford, CT.

Awards & Grants

- 2022-**Irma & Mort Handel Illustration Award**, University of Hartford, CT.
- 2022- **Senior Illustration Award**, University of Hartford, CT.
- 2021- **Creative Career Connection Grant**, Hartford Art School, CT.
- 2021- **Goldfarb Finaist**, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, CT.
- 2020- **HAS Honors Program**, University of Hartford, CT.
- 2018- **Gold Key Award, Scholastic Juried Art Show**, University of Hartford, CT.

Features & Publications

- 2023- [Hartford Taste Festival](#), Hartford, CT.
- 2023- ["Peace and Understanding"](#) Windsor Art Center, CT.
- 2022- [Murals in Blueback Square](#), West Hartford, CT.
- 2022- [The Gallery at WeHa Brewing Co](#), West Hartford, CT.
- 2022- [Parkville Paints Project](#), Hartford, CT.
- 2022- ["Local artists bring colorful murals to life at The Promenade Shops at Evergreen Walk"](#) South Windsor, CT.
- 2022- [Guided Live Painting Event](#), University of Hartford, CT.