



Art Exhibition - Emily White

As a creative I like to delve into many artistic areas from painting and textiles, to storyboards, digital illustration, photography and film. What combines all of these together is my love of storytelling, whether it's in an action-packed storyboard, behind the scenes and rehearsal photography here at Highbury or paintings of wildlife in my garden.

After gaining a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design at Walsall College in 2013, I went on to explore the world of filmmaking at Staffordshire University and studied BSc Film Production Technology. Since then I've had the pleasure of working on several film projects in different roles, and in September 2018 I set up an Etsy Shop and now take part in several craft fairs a year in the Black Country and Birmingham areas.

My paintings and textiles are inspired by the natural world, from long walks through woodlands and meadows, watching the robins and blue tits taking turns on the bird feeders outside the kitchen window, to endless hours spent watching a variety of bees waltz through lavender bushes. My hope is that my paintings will inspire happiness and bring a smile to people's faces. I like to paint with acrylics and then use ink pen for definition.

I started storyboarding before I even knew it was a filmmaking method. It's something I've taught myself to do over the last few years and continue to explore and experiment with on a daily basis. Storyboards are often used by directors to help visualise their script, and what's fascinating is that there's always more than one way of creating a certain frame. I started out with ink pen and copic markers, and have since learnt to draw digitally using a Wacom tablet.

Last year I was given the opportunity to create the poster designs for the Highbury Theatre 2019/20 season guide. I had a lot of fun designing these and have since continued to develop my digital drawing skills by making animations for my local RSPB reserve in Sandwell Valley. My role here at Highbury involves being part of the social media team and promoting the Theatre through creative content such as behind the scenes photographs and interviews that capture the spirit of camaraderie which is at the heart of Highbury.

I hope you enjoy this exhibition. If you have any queries about my work please feel free to ask me in person or by email.

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