

GIADA CONTE

ARTIST
AUTHOR
ART EDUCATOR
TOY&GAME INVENTOR

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CONTENT:

Inspirational, Innovative, Educational, Entertaining.

CORE VALUES:

Kindness, Growth, Positivity, Community, Curiosity, Playfulness, Passion.

EXPERIENCE

- Creator of FLORA MAKES ME SMILE® (www.floramakesmesmile.com) • May 2020 - present
- Author of 'Think, Sketch, and Smile with Flora' (2022) and 'Imagine ad Color with Flora' (2023).
- Owner and Founder of The Pencil Circle®, LLC (www.thepencilcircle.com) • July 2022 - present
- Art Educator (After school programs) • July 2021 - present
- Art Instructor at City of Santa Clara (teaching workshops/courses for Seniors and classes/camps for Kids) • August 2023 - present
- Toy&Game Inventor at FLORA MAKES ME SMILE® • July 2024 - present
- LLA Docent at San Jose Museum of Art • March 2020 - present

- Prop Designer, Set Designer, and Scenic Artist at Peninsula Youth Theatre (Mountain View, CA) • 2019
- Theatrical Set/Prop/Costume Designer, Artist, Graphic Designer, Event Designer • 2004-2017

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Toy Creators Adacemy® Completion Certificate • July 2024
- Participation in the professional learning community 'Educators' Neighborhood' cohort by Fred Rogers Institute • 2022-present
- Certificates of Completion in Art Therapy (Virtued Academy International) and Therapeutic Art Life Coach (Trasformation Academy) • April 2022
- Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Training Program - NAMC Diploma • December 2021
- BA in Theatre Design - Accademia Di Belle Arti, Bologna, Italy • 2010
- Certificate of Completion in Set Design - Libera Accademia di Belle Arti, Firenze, Italy • 2006
- Professional Course in Illustration - Scuola Internazionale di Comics, Firenze, Italy • 2004-2006

OTHER PROJECTS & POSITIONS

- LLA Hospitality Chair at San Jose Museum of Art (San Jose, CA) • 2020-2022
- Marketing Comittee and Outreach Committee member at FabMo (Sunnyvale, CA) • 2019
- Student Leadership Training (Focus Group Facilitator) - South Bay Consortium for Adult Education • 2019
- Co-president of the Leadership Student Team (Santa Clara Adult Education - Santa Clara, CA) • 2018-2019
- Volunteer Art & Craft Teacher in an International Volunteer Summer Camp (ages 4-14, Casadeni School - Ayacucho, Peru)
- Volunteer Instructor of Creative Afterschool Activities for deaf kids (ages 6-10, Istituto Figlie della Provvidenza - Modena, Italy)