

Ella Rice

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Education

B.A., Studio Art and History, *summa cum laude*, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, 2026

Awards & Honors

Honorable Mention, Sixth Annual Juried Art Show (Juror: Elizabeth Bauman), Willamette University, 2023

2nd Place People's Choice Award (Student Gallery), Charbonneau Festival of The Arts, Wilsonville, OR, 2022

Fine Arts Department Award, Wilsonville High School, 2022

Multiple Gold Key Awards, Silver Key Awards, and Honorable Mentions, Regional (West) Scholastic Art Awards, 2019–2022

The R. Ivan Lovell History Scholarship, Willamette University, 2025

Art Talent Scholarship, Willamette University, 2022

Presidential Scholarship, Willamette University, 2022

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Willamette University, 2026

Exhibitions (solo exhibitions indicated by *)

Surface Tension (Senior Art Thesis Exhibition), Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Salem, OR, 2026

Seventh Annual Juried Art Show (Juror: Jessica Rehfield), Willamette University, 2024

Sixth Annual Juried Art Show (Juror: Elizabeth Bauman), Willamette University, 2023

Art Through the Generations, Lunaria Gallery, Silverton, OR, 2018

Illustrative Work

The Birds That Wish That They Were Fish, (double-page spread), written by Jay Schauer, 2025

Relevant Work Experience

Commissioned Illustrator, “*The Birds That Wish That They Were Fish*” by Jay Schauer, West Linn, OR (2024–2025)

Collaborated with the author and 11 other artists to bring an educational children's book to life; Researched specific animal behaviors, anatomy, and appearances to accurately portray them; Consciously arranged compositions,

values, and colors to draw the eye across a printed double-page spread; Promoted ongoing discussion and critique; Managed and met deadlines for progress checks and final work

Art Talent Scholarship Volunteer Work, Willamette University (2022–2026)

Carefully repainted walls, brick, doors, and stairwells; Created original posters advertising art shows; Spoke to incoming students about the Art Department and personal work during Bearcat Day events; Cleaned studio and classroom spaces

History Internship, Deepwood Museum & Gardens, Salem, OR (Spring 2024)

Cataloged donated antiques in PastPerfect; Handled diverse antiques with care; Assisted in re-arranging a historic home with new antique items and furniture

Additional Work Experience

Independent Contractor, SoFresh Farms, Canby, OR (Summer 2025)

Carefully handled legally sensitive material; Tended to marijuana plants at multiple stages of life; Watered, provided nutrients, deadheaded, defoliated, handled pests and mold, repotted, etc.; Diligently tracked hours and invoices for independent work

Seasonal Housekeeper, Black Butte Ranch, OR (Summer 2024 & 2023)

Efficiently worked in teams to clean rental houses in a fast-paced environment; Made beds, cleaned bathrooms, kitchens, and surfaces, vacuumed, collected dirty laundry and trash, etc.; Operated and navigated company vehicles across 1,800 acres of property

Skills

Hard Skills

- Digital Drawing (*Paint Tool SAI, Clip Studio Paint, Wacom Intuos, Wacom Cintiq 16*)
- Basic Video Editing (*Adobe Premiere Pro*)
- Basic Website Design & Development (*WordPress, Elementor*)
- Painting (*acrylic, watercolor*)
- Collage/Mixed Media
- Drawing (*charcoal, graphite, pen, marker, colored pencil*)
- Printmaking (*linocut*)
- Whittling

- 3D Prop-Making (*craft foam, cardboard*)
- Basic Sewing & Embroidery
- Illustration/Commission Work
- Artwork & Antique Handling & Cataloguing
- Art History Analysis (*ancient Europe, West Asia*)
- Writing (*creative, academic*)

Soft Skills

- Organized
- Confident, clear public speaker
- Creative problem-solver
- Calm under pressure