

Sara Vargas Nessi

Visual Artist and Brand Designer

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Highlights

8 years of experience as a visual artist.

Excellent communication skills in English and Spanish. Basic knowledge of French.

Published book cover and illustrator.

Expertise in Adobe CC: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro, Premier Rush, and Lightroom.

Friendly, efficient, and with excellent problem-solving skills.

Experience working on installations and proposals for public and private sectors.

Quick study and collaborative team player who can readily work independently.

Keen attention to detail, compassionate and skilled at meeting tight deadlines.

Print production experience, including extensive knowledge of file formats.

Public Art and Installations

Light Source-Centennial College,
Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022 and 2023

Memories-East End Arts
Featured Visual Artist, Nuit Blanche TO
2022

481 University- United BLDG
Shortlisted Artist, BRAD GOLDEN + Co
PUBLIC ART CONSULTING, Toronto
2021

Light Source-Centennial College,
Story Arts Centre
Designer, Artist Lead
2017-2018

Fear of Passion-Toronto Center for the Arts
Visual Artist, Curator and Designer
2016

Transitions-Coxwell TTC Barns Wall
Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale
in collaboration with East End Arts
2015

Between the Line-Centennial College,
Ashtonbee Campus
Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale
in collaboration with No. 9 Contemporary
Art and the Environment and Pan Am Path
2015

The PrideHouse That Kids Built-
Harbourfront Centre
Artist Mentee to Sean Martindale and
Kalpna Patel in collaboration with
Pan Am/Parapan Am Games
2015

Residencies, Contributions and Projects

Shadows-Art Research and Project
Visual Artist and Researcher
2017-Present

RBC Emerging Artist Network-
The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery
Selected Artist
2022-Present

apexart-Art Gallery, New York City
Artist Juror for upcoming exhibitions
2022-2024

Artist Mentorship for Fine Arts Studio-
Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2023

Program Advisor for Fine Arts Studio-
Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
2021-2023

Graduate Advisory for Centennial College,
Story Arts Centre
2021-2023

Visual Artist Instructor-City of Toronto
All ages
2021-2023

One for Sorrow-VR Experience Beaver Hall
Art Gallery
Artist Volunteer
2023

Publications, Design and Administration

Yoonyen Magazine-Issue 1
Featured Artist
2024

GBC Diversity Calendar 2024
Featured Artist
2024

Green Teacher
Assistant Editor, Brand Designer, Strategist
and Graphic Designer
May 2021-June 2022
June 2023-Present

AUDIOTEL
Brand Designer, Strategist, Web Designer
and Graphic Designer
2023- Present

Applied Arts Magazine-Calendar 2017
Featured Artist
2017

Historias de Toronto-Published Book
Cover, back cover, flaps, 12 illustrations and
promotional material
Graphic Designer and Illustrator
2016

Art Exhibitions

S'Mad, Art in the park-Willowdale
Artist Show and Talk
Invited Visual Artist
2024

Sunlight-Solo Exhibition, Yorkville
Toronto Public Library
Visual Artist and Curator
2023

art in the park-Memorial Park, Stouffville
Visual Artist
2023

Sundown-Solo Exhibition, Online launch
Visual Artist, Strategist and Web designer
2022

Storytelling Video Series-Solo Exhibition,
Online launch
Video Editor, Visual Artist and Writer
2021

Grit & Glide-Group Show, Online exhibition
Centennial College
Invited Visual Artist
2020

4x4-Group Exhibition, Hashtag Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Tiny Art-Group Exhibition,
GuildWorks Art Gallery
Visual Artist
2019

Shadows-Solo Exhibition, Runnymede
Toronto Public Library
Curator, Visual Artist and Strategist
2016

Tiny Art-Group Exhibition, CineCycle Gallery
Visual Artist
2016

Communications, Media and Design-
Group Exhibition
Visual Artist
2016

Fragments-Group Exhibition,
Toronto Center for the Arts
Project Coordinator, Curator and Artist
2016

Ramp-Solo Exhibition, Centennial College,
Story Arts Centre
Featured Visual Artist
2015 and 2016

Cursory-Group Exhibition,
Toronto Centre for the Arts
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015-2016

Pause, Don't Pause-Group Exhibition,
Artscape Youngplace
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015

Verge-Group Exhibition, Urban Gallery
Curator, Visual Artist and Event Coordinator
2015

OCSIA-Group Exhibition,
Centennial College, Story Arts Centre
Visual Artist
2015

Education

Honours Bachelor of Brand Design-
George Brown College, School of Design
2023-2026 (Advanced Standing)

Life Drawing for the Illustrator-
George Brown College, School of Design
2016

Post Graduate Diploma of
Fine Arts Studio-Centennial College,
Story Arts Centre
2016

Licentiate Degree in Arts-
Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV),
Caracas, Venezuela
2012-2013 (Partial Studies)

Skena-School of Theatre and
Performing Arts, Caracas, Venezuela
2008-2013

Scholarships, Awards and Recognitions

George Brown College-Wide,
Student Association Arts & Design Second
Year Student Award
2024

Dean's Honour List for
Academic Excellence,
George Brown College, School of Design
2023

Big Picture Conference-Vancouver
Guest Artist
2023

Storyteller In-Depth Podcast (Episode 5),
Story Arts Centre
Invited Guest
2023

481 University-Public Art Project
Shortlisted Artist
2021

Marilyn Scott Academic Achievement
Scholarship
2016

Brad Chapman and Family Communications,
Media and Design Scholarship
2016

Colleges and Institutes Canada-
Art Showcase, Ottawa
Finalist Artist showcasing artwork at
Château Laurier
2015

Volunteer

RGD-Student Committee, Events
2023-Present

Adobe Creative Retreat Toronto
2024

YES! Wayfinding Committee, George Brown,
School of Design
2024

TIFF-Toronto International Film Festival
2014, 2022 and 2023