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## California College of the Arts launches new Bachelor in Fine Arts in Comics in fall 2022



*Artwork by Meggie Ramm (CCA MFA Comics 2017)*

**San Francisco, CA—September 8, 2021**—Beginning in fall 2022, California College of the Arts (CCA) will begin offering its new Bachelor of Fine Arts in Comics.

As the only undergraduate program like it on the West Coast, CCA's BFA in Comics uniquely prepares students to enter the professional comics industry with a singular artistic practice and critical capacity, having spent four years making comics that engage with the ethical, historical, and social dimensions of the greater world beyond the college.

The BFA in Comics' practice-based curriculum is designed to help students hone their personal storytelling voice while exploring all aspects of cartooning—digital and analog tools, drawing and illustration, personal narrative and genre storytelling, graphic and publication design, comics history and theory, and professional and portfolio development. Students will gain extensive technical experience with digital, analog, and multigenre storytelling and develop a digital skill set grounded in industry-standard software suites.

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After completing CCA's BFA in Comics program, graduates will have attained both broad and specialized technical and conceptual competencies to employ in their postgraduate careers. Throughout the program, students will gain experience creating professional quality comics in a variety of genres and for different audiences.

“California College of the Arts has such a rich history of supporting visual storytelling across its curriculum,” says Eisner Award–nominated writer and artist **Matt Silady**, chair of the new BFA Comics program. “Now, with an entire undergraduate program dedicated to studying and making comics, there’s never been a better time to be a cartoonist at CCA. We have an incredibly talented comics faculty ready to work side-by-side with our undergraduate comics majors as they bring their stories to life on the page.”

CCA is home to a well-established, low-residency graduate program in comics, and CCA Comics faculty are immersed in San Francisco’s historic, vibrant comics scene. Among the faculty are leaders of publishing imprints dedicated to cartoonists of color and queer storytellers as well as members of the influential storytelling collective The BAYlies. In addition to BFA Comics Chair **Matt Silady** ([The Homeless Channel](#)), CCA Comics faculty include **Thi Bui** ([The Best We Could Do](#)), **Justin Hall** ([No Straight Lines](#)), and **Ed Luce** ([Wuvable Oaf](#)). MFA Comics alumni have contributed important works to the collective dialogue, including **Maia Kobabe**’s [Gender Queer: A Memoir](#) and **Alex Combs**’ upcoming *Trans History: A Graphic Novel*.

For additional information and to apply for the BFA in Comics program at CCA, visit [cca.edu/humanities-sciences/bfa-comics](https://cca.edu/humanities-sciences/bfa-comics).

### **About California College of the Arts**

Founded in 1907, California College of the Arts (CCA) educates students to shape culture and society through the practice and critical study of art, architecture, design, and writing. Benefitting from its San Francisco Bay Area location, the college prepares students for lifelong creative work by cultivating innovation, community engagement, and social and environmental responsibility.

CCA offers a rich curriculum of 23 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs in art, design, architecture, and writing taught by a faculty of expert practitioners. Attracting promising students from across the nation and around the world, CCA is [one of the 10 most diverse colleges in the U.S.](#) Last year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked CCA as one of the [top 10 graduate schools for fine arts in the country](#).

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Graduates are highly sought-after by companies such as Pixar/Disney, Apple, Intel, Facebook, Gensler, Google, IDEO, Autodesk, Mattel, and Nike, and many have launched their own successful businesses. Alumni and faculty are often recognized with the highest honors in their fields, including Academy Awards, AIGA Medals, Fulbright Scholarships, Guggenheim Fellowships, MacArthur Fellowships, National Medal of Arts, and the Rome Prize, among others.

CCA is creating a new, expanded college campus at its current site in San Francisco, spearheaded by the architectural firm Studio Gang. The new campus design will be a model of [sustainable construction and practice](#); will unite the college's programs in art, crafts, design, architecture, and writing in one location to create new adjacencies and interactions; and will provide [more student housing](#) than ever before. For more information, visit [cca.edu](http://cca.edu).

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