**Sarah Laura Nesti Willard**

**Illustrator, Muralist & Lecturer**

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1996 - act

2017 - act

2014 – 17

**Work Experience:**

Illustrator and Muralist

Free-lance illustrator for children’s books and magazine covers for various editorial houses.

Free-lance muralist and painter for commissioned painting works.

Instructor/lecturer of Fine Arts

College of Social Sciences and Humanities, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain (UAE).

*Instructor/lecturer of*: Art History, Drawing, Painting, Filmmaking & Animation, Art & Society II, Art Criticism, Photography, 3D Design and Digital Design.

*Committees*: Year of Sculpture Committee; UAEU Art Centre Committee, which launched initiative to establish a new Art and Cultural Centre in the City of Al Ain.

*Clubs*: Chair of the Media and Creative Industries Students’ club.

*Service work*: Personal Development training on how to use innovative apps to enhance education, in collaboration with the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning program.

Event organizer for annual local event Art, Poetry & Drama, at La Dolce Vita, in Al Ain.

Oversight partnership relation with Manarat Al Sadiyyat Museum of modern art for the annual Abu Dhabi Art Fair.

Curriculum development for new Mayor of Visual Studies and Creative Industries, along with other faculty members.

School visits to local High School and Institutes to facilitate teacher-trainers approach to real class experiences.

Lecturer in Italian as a Foreign Language, in collaboration with the Continuing Education Center.

Teacher of Creative Design, BTEC Creative Media and Computer Science

IAT - Institute of Applied Technology, Al Ain (UAE) - <http://www.iat.ac.ae>

Teacher of Creative Design, BTEC Creative Media and Computer Science Clusters of Animation and Media Technology.

Campus Director for the Summer & Spring Extracurricular Program ‘Skills for Life’

Curriculum developer for Computer Animation (Blender 2.76 and Animator CC).

Curriculum developer for Creative Design, in collaboration with other members of staff.

Exam designer and developer for the following subjects: Computer Animation and Media Technology.

2012-2014

2011 – 2014

2010-2011

2009 – 10

2006 - 09

2005 - 07

2002 – 04

Teacher of Business English & Italian as Foreign Languages

Loga Idiomas, Valencia (SPAIN) - <http://loga-idiomas.com>

Business-related vocabulary focused on helping office and admin staff improve their

communication skills. Preparation of the Curriculum and reports in accordance to the European Common Framework for Foreign Languages. Program sponsored by the European Social Funds.

Teacher of English and Italian as Foreign Languages

Worldspeaking/Berlitz, France (FR) - <https://www.telelangue.com>

### One-to-one Business English classes via videoconference or telephone given to international students. Evaluation of levels in concordance with the [CEFR](http://www.coe.int/lang-CEFR)L and preparation to TOEIC and FCE exams. Translation of documents and web pages.

Teacher of Arts and English EFL

IALE International Bilingual School, Valencia (SPAIN) - <https://www.ialeschool.com/en/>

Classes delivered in accordance to the National English Curriculum. Production of lesson plans and reports. Preparation of yearly folkloristic events.

Teacher of Arts, English and Italian as Foreign Languages. PGCE Program

Cambridge House Community College, Valencia (SPAIN) - <https://www.cambridgehouse.es>

Classes given in accordance to the National English Curriculum. Preparation of yearly and term programs of each subject taught. Production of lesson plans and reports.

Assist and help with GCSE and A-Level exams/entry to University.

Extracurricular Activities Teacher of English as a Foreign Language and Arts & Crafts

Caxton College, Puzol (SPAIN) - <https://caxtoncollege.com/en/>

Teacher assistant for Cicle1; extracurricular teacher for the Art Program; teacher of English as a Foreign Language for foreign exchange students and Saturday program.

Artworksis – Murals and Shutter Art

Founder. The small company specialised in providing tailored mural designs and shutter art to local business and private residences.

Arts & Crafts Monitor

I.P.O.P. Inclusive Play Opportunities Project. High Barnet, London (UK) - [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk)

Teacher monitor for children with Autism and Down Syndrome.

Education

2009 – 2010

2002-2004

Postgraduate Course in International Education (PCGE-I)

University of Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Specialized in teaching Arts, English & Italian as Foreign Languages to secondary students in International English schools. Practice in Spain.

Master in Visual Communication & Design (RCA MA)

Royal College of Art, London (UK)

Specialized in Photography, Digital Illustration and Printing Techniques.

1999 – 2002

2001

1998 – 1999

1996-97

1992 – 96

Bachelor of Arts in Illustration & Animation (BA Hons)

Kingston University, Surrey (UK)

1st class Honors. Specialized in Book Illustration, 2D Animation and Printing Techniques.

Utrecht University of the Arts - Exchange facultative program

Utrecht, The Netherlands (NL)

Further specialization in Graphic Art.

Foundation Course in Art

London Institute - Camberwell College of Arts – Camberwell, London, (UK)

Elective Year - Art College

Paul Klee, Genoa (ITALY)

Specialised studies for access to University

Vocational Art College

Niccolo’ Barabino, Génova (ITALY)

Specialisation of the Institute: Architecture, Design and Fine Arts.

Other Qualifications

2013

2012

2011

2002

DITALS \_ Qualified Teacher of Italian as a Foreign Language Da Vinci Institute, Milan (IT)

ELE\_ Spanish as a Foreign Language C1 (semi-proficient) Valencia (SPAIN)

CAE\_ Cambridge Proficiency English C2 (proficient) Valencia (SPAIN)

ASA\_ Swimming Teacher & Aqua-fitness Instructor London (UK)

Personal Development

1998

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1997

Etching & Dry Point – Central Saint Martins School of Arts, London, UK

Initiation to Product Design - Central Saint Martins School of Arts, London, UK

Children’s Book Illustration - Central Saint Martins School of Arts, London, UK

Chiavari s’ Comic School – Chiavari, IT- <http://scuolachiavaresedelfumetto.com>

Published Creative Work

‘Siren Storm’, Graphic Novel Under process

‘The Shadows of The Soul’, illustrated poetry book- Bibliosmia Ed. November 2019

‘Umm Badoor’s Ramadan Lugaimat’ - Eid Institute March 2020

Children’s book ‘Eid Stories’ - Eid Institute Under process

‘The girl who slept under the moon’ - Beacon Books Ed Under process

Magazine cover ‘Ramadan Guide’ Abu Dhabi World April 2019

Magazine cover ‘Christmas Guide’– Abu Dhabi World December 2018

Magazine guide cover ‘Abu Dhabi Formula1’ – Abu Dhabi World November 2018

Magazine illustration ‘The true S. Valentine’ – The Source Ed. 165, February 2018

Storyboard: Tyrian Pearl Productions - 48-hour Film Project Competition-Dubai 2016

Illustrated guide ‘Healthy Tennis’–Valencia, Spain 2012

Illustrated work-Vulture Magazine-Spain Ed. 37, November 2007

Illustrated work-Vulture Magazine-Spain Ed. 38, December 2007

Book Cover ‘Looking for Spinoza’ Vintage Publications November 2002

Illustrated work-Illustration Magazine-UK Issue 1: Autumn 2004

Magazine Cover ‘Earth Can You Read Me?’-Plankton, UK Issue1: Summer 2003

Exhibition work ‘Artisti Nel Borgo’ booklet Dept. of Culture of Santa Margherita, IT. 1996

Exhibitions

2019

2019

2018

2018

2010

2009

2007

2006

2005

2004

2002

2002

1997

‘Can I say Something?’ - group exhibition - Cibana di Cadore – Belluno - ITALY

‘Il Cantiere’ – group exhibition – Villorba - Treviso – ITALY

‘Pop Art’ - group exhibition – Werkkunst Gallery – Hamburg - GERMANY

‘Biennale Dolomiti 2nd Ed.’ – group exhibition - Cibana di Cadore – Belluno - ITALY

‘American Prints 25th Ed.’ – group exhibition – Valencia, SPAIN

‘American Prints 24th Ed.’ – group exhibition – Valencia, SPAIN

‘Un Cuento en el Lienzo’ – group exhibition – Galeria Imprevisual, Valencia, SPAIN

‘Boredom’ – sole exhibition - Al Margen Cultural Centre-Valencia, SPAIN

‘Monsters’– sole exhibition - Café Negrito, Valencia, SPAIN

‘Monsters’ – sole exhibition - L’Espai, Ruzafa, Valencia, SPAIN

‘Illustrations’ – group exhibition, Penrhyn Rd, Kingston Upon Thames, UK.

‘Exposed’ - group exhibition – Coninsby Gallery, 30 Tottenham St., W1P 9PN, London, UK

‘Artisti Nel Borgo’ Outdoor Exhibition - Dept. of Culture of Santa Margherita, IT

Mural Commissions:

2005-07

2005

1996

1995

Various tailored mural paintings and shutter art for various businesses in Valencia (SP)

Porto Rotondo, IT: tailored mural decoration of Villa Lorenzini.

Galata Café – Genoa, IT: panel decoration of the café’s entrance

Recco, IT, private house: mural decoration of interior space

Awards

2002

2002

3rd Prize winner for Uniqlo T-shirt Design. [www.uniqlo.com](http://www.uniqlo.com)

Photographic Scholarship to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Middle East

Sponsored by the Royal College of Art to carry out a photographic documentary for Amnesty International in Iran. The pictures were used as backdrop by Amnesty International in a conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

Academic Work

Academic Research

Proceedings of*: Critical Thinking in the Internationalizing of Children’s Creativity*.

By Sarah N. Willard & Fawzia G. Williams. <http://bit.ly/ice2019doc>.

*Blender V.2.78 – Instructional Book.*

Divulgated as a guide book to all Institutes of Applied Technology in the United Arab Emirates. <https://www.sarahnestiwillard.com/conferences--collaborations.html>

Symposiums, Conferences and Events

Al Ain Music Festival 2020 – Partnership & Collaboration

30th, 31st of January and 1st of February 2020, Danat Resort, Al Ain, UAE

<https://www.alainmusicfest.com>

‘Year of Tolerance Short Film Festival’

11-12 November 2019 – UAE University, Al Ain. (Co-organization of the event).

<https://www.instagram.com/p/B4xTokBplRF/?igshid=1pg9abwjfjsys>

ICE 2019 - The 6th International Conference on Education: Creative Paradigms Toward Internationalising Education. 22 June 2019, Silpakorn University, Nakon Phatom, Thailand.

[www.educ.su.ac.th](http://www.educ.su.ac.th) & <http://bit.ly/ice2019doc>.

International Training and workshop for Master and Ph.D students: *What is Action Research?*

23 June 2019, Silpakorn University, Nakon Phatom, Thailand.

CBC 2019- The 14th Child and the Book Conference – 8-10-May 2019. Beyond the Canon of Children's Literature. *Anglo-Western Cultural Domination Through Children’s Literature- Examining Self Visibility of Arab and Asian Children*. By Fawzia G. Williams. & Sarah N. Willard. Website: <http://cbc2019.hidk.hr/programme/>

Book of abstracts: <http://cbc2019.hidk.hr/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-04-29-CBC2019_WEB-boa.pdf>

‘Identity’ - Art, Poetry & Drama at La Dolce Vita.

20-21 November 2018, Al Ain, UAE.

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=RAPr8BitnLc>

Source Magazine: <https://www.flipsnack.com/TheSourceOnlineME/the-source-magazine-issue-185/full-view.html>

Al Ittihad: <http://alittihad.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/iphone/homepage.aspx#_title4275201811240000000000100120/watitle4275201811240000000000100120/4275/42752018112400000000001001/20/true>

QS Totally Arts Summit: 21st Century Arts & Design Education: Nurturing Passion with Purpose. 24-26 October 2018, Bangkok, Thailand. <https://qstotallyarts.com/bangkok-2018/speakers/> and

<https://qstotallyarts.com/bangkok-2018/wp-content/uploads/pptpdf/Day2/T3A_3_Dr_Fawzia_Ms_Sarah.pdf>

Abu Dhabi Ari Fair – UAE University partnership collaboration with Maranat Al Sadiyyat Museum of Modern Art, Abu Dhabi. Years of collaboration: 2017, 2018, 2019. <https://issuu.com/thesourceuae/docs/issue-160_ae>

You tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Q4j4bsDhFg> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=qriE1ji3p9c&feature=emb_logo>

‘Sensational’ - Art Show at La Dolce Vita.

27-28 November 2017, Al Ain, UAE.

<https://issuu.com/thesourceuae/docs/issue-161_ae>

Programs

Adobe Photoshop CS6, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Quark Express, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Animate CC, Blender 2.76, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and other Ipad applications.

Languages

English, Italian, Spanish (all proficient), Dutch (intermediate).