

Maddalena Matera

Tattoo Artist | Illustration & Design



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About Me

My name is Maddalena Matera, and I am a professional illustrator and tattoo artist with a diverse and multidisciplinary background. I bring together expertise in traditional and scientific illustration, alongside formal studies in film. Additionally, I have extensive experience in childcare, which has helped me develop strong communication and organizational skills. My tattooing career is built on years of dedicated practice and continuous learning, combining creativity with precision. This unique blend of skills allows me to approach my work with both artistic vision and professionalism.

Skills

- Writing
- Creativity
- Marketing
- Hard Working
- Negotiation
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership

Education

• BFA in Film Studies

Concordia University | Montreal, Quebec | 2021

Completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Studies, writing analytical essays, critiquing films, and conducting extensive research on the history of cinema from its origins to modern-day film.

• Scientific Illustration Distance Program

Remote | 2024 - 2025

Completed a Scientific Illustration certification course through a remote distance program led by Gretchen Kai-Halpert, where I learned CrowQuill illustration techniques, honed my self-management skills including meeting deadlines and professional communication, enhanced my marketability, and further developed my illustration abilities and techniques.

Experience

TATTOO ARTIST

Self-employed | 2020 - present

Tattoo artist with 6 years of experience working independently and within private studios, following a year-long apprenticeship in Montreal and Toronto, Canada. Certified in bloodborne pathogens, skilled in customer service and client relations, and experienced in self-promotion and social media management to grow and maintain a loyal client base.

SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATOR

Bahamas National Trust (BNT) | 2025 - 2026

Created scientific illustrations and developed a children's coloring book for the Bahamas National Trust, focusing on seahorses at the Sweetings Pond Seahorse Conservancy Park in Eleuthera, Bahamas, combining artistic skill with scientific accuracy to support environmental education and conservation efforts.

CHILDCARE WORKER

The Centre for Exceptional Learners | 2014 - 2016

Worked for three years as a childcare worker and teacher's aide, as well as supervisor at the Centre for Exceptional Learners in Governors Harbour, Eleuthera, Bahamas; responsibilities included computer technician duties, classroom and recess supervision, data entry, and serving as a substitute teacher when needed.

Awards and Honors

Artists in Conversation

AGO | Toronto, Canada | 2019

Independent Feature Artist

Arts Etobicoke Student Showcase
Youth: EDGE Art Show | Toronto, Canada | 2020

Selected Art Auctioned

West Enders GTA Student Art
Showcase | Toronto, Canada | 2019

Featured Artist/Speaker

Arts Etobicoke Student Showcase
Youth: EDGE Art Show | Toronto, Canada | 2019

Critic Artist

Magenta Foundations' Flash
Forward Incubator Show | Toronto, Canada | 2019