

Kirk Reedstrom

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Biography

Originally from Houston, Texas, Kirk Reedstrom spent most of his childhood drawing and reading Calvin & Hobbes. He studied at [Centenary College of Louisiana](#) where he interned with [William Joyce](#) at Moonbot Studios, and fell in love with children's literature before becoming a bookseller at [Blue Willow Bookshop](#). Kirk now spends most of his time doodling in Shreveport, Louisiana with his wife, [Sarah Duet](#), and their temperamental cat, Nash. Kirk is the creator of [Somebody Write This Book](#), a monthly newsletter of drawing and story prompts, an active SCBWI Member, trained as a Primetime Storyteller with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and his comics zines have been featured in Salon, Relief Journal, The Quaranzine, and All Things Considered. Duck And Moose, his debut graphic novel series, will be published by Disney-Hyperion in 2024.

Statement

I am interested in creativity as a mode of self-reflection, a means of engaging with the subconscious to discover more about ourselves, our neighbors, and our communities. My art can often be described as quirky, whimsical, loose, vulnerable, and playful, which allows for the viewer to inhabit the role of a participant or collaborator. Using materials that can often be found around a house: markers, colored pencils, pens, found paper, and watercolor, I strive to make my work accessible to give permission to the viewer to create their own work and foster interaction.

Education

Centenary College of Louisiana
BA, STUDIO ART, 2016

Houston Community College

Publications

Duck Moves In! Early Reader Graphic Novel
DISNEY-HYPERION, 2024

Moose Blasts Off! Early Reader Graphic Novel
DISNEY-HYPERION, 2024

Exhibitions

Sing A Song Of Cheer: A Norton Holiday Exhibition, RW Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Impromptu, Bossier Parish Community College Learning Commons
BOSSIER CITY, LA, 2023

Solo Exhibit: Squiggle Party! A Doodle Experience, RW Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Fandom: Celebrating Graphic Novels In Libraries Month, Shreve Memorial Library
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Sketchy Business, RW Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

The Flat Curve Gallery, Baton Rouge Gallery
ONLINE, 2020

Quarantime, Artspace
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2020

Critical Mass 8, Artspace
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2020

Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators Regional Conference
HOUSTON, TX, 2019

Legacy: An Alumni Art Show, Meadows Museum
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2019

Juried Exhibit: Forever Young, Mosesian Arts Center
WATERTOWN, MA, 2017

Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators National Conference
LOS ANGELES, CA, 2015

Illustrator Showcase, Society of Children's Books Writers & Illustrators National Conference
LOS ANGELES, CA, 2014

Solo Exhibit: In//Progress, Turner Arts Center
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2015

Graffiti, Artspace
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2009

Workshops & Classes

Squiggle Character Workshop, R.W. Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Squiggle Character & Zine Workshop, R.W. Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Squiggle Character Story Workshop, Captain Shreve High School
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

Character Design Jam, Kimbell Art Museum
FORT WORTH, TX, 2020

Stories The Pop!, Kimbell Art Museum
FORT WORTH, TX, 2019

Hand Lettering 101, Noel Community Arts Program
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2016

Kids Comics Class, Noel Community Arts Program
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2016

Speaking

Impromptu Artist Talk, Bossier Parish Community College Learning Commons
BOSSIER CITY, LA, 2023

Day of Dialog: Ready To Read Panel, School Library Journal
ONLINE, 2023

Squiggle Party Artist Talk, RW Norton Art Gallery
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

CREATE Series, ClearView Church
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2023

Alumni Presentation, Centenary College
SHREVEPORT, LA, 2022

Selected Press

Squiggle Party Interview, Something Good With Lynn Vance, KTAL
TELEVISION, ONLINE, 2023

Alumni Interview, Centenary Magazine
ONLINE, 2023

Self-Published Zines Are Back As Artists Respond To Our Reality In Quarantine, Salon
ONLINE, 2020

The Coolest 'Quaranzines' Capturing Daily Life And Attitudes During COVID-19, Sinclair Broadcast Network
ONLINE, 2020

Quaranzines, Relief Journal
ONLINE, 2020

'Quaranzines' Bring Readers Together Despite Distancing, All Things Considered
ONLINE, RADIO, 2020