

John Kantz

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Qualifications

- ∞ Six years as a professional illustrator for Antarctic Press, the oldest independent publisher of manga and manga inspired works in the United States
- ∞ Contributed both original works and work for instructional "How to Draw Manga" publications, using traditional mediums as well as extensive use of Photoshop and Japanese mediums such as sumi
- ∞ Worked as part of the Antarctic Press team on community development in the anime and manga community through work at numerous public events such as Comic-Con International and A-Kon
- ∞ Worked as an assistant to Bryan Lee O'Malley on Scott Pilgrim volume 6, a work environment that required teamwork and an ability to both contribute original art and designs and do art to exact specifications on a strict timeline.

Education

- ∞ University of North Texas
 - ∞ College of Arts & Science Bachelors of Arts in International Studies
 - ∞ Minor in Japanese
- ∞ Kansai Gaikokugo Daigaku, Hirakata, Osaka Prefecture

Illustration Experience

- ∞ *Scott Pilgrim Volume 6*, assistant artist. Illustrated backgrounds for and screentoned most of the book
- ∞ *You Can Draw Manga*, contributing illustrator of material for instructional works related to the anime/manga art style. Translated and distributed internationally
- ∞ *How NOT to Draw Manga Supersized Special*: Lead artist on satirical work analyzing anime and manga as they pertain to art and storytelling, focusing on prominent character types, genre conventions, and narrative techniques, 144 pages
- ∞ *Legends from Darkwood*, critically acclaimed 144 page original English language manga, translated and distributed internationally
- ∞ *Search for New Life Forms*, a recently launched webcomic. Main illustrator and occasional writer.

- ∞ *Internship*, Antarctic Press, San Antonio, TX (Summers 2004 – 2007). Event Staffing: setup, event staff, and transportation. Digitization of Art Assets Design, layout, and assembly of promotional materials. Text layout and other tasks in Photoshop

Additional Work Experience

- ∞ *English as a Second Language Instructor*, Houston Community College, Houston, TX (Fall 2008 – Spring 2009)
 - Create and implement lesson plans for Levels 1, 2, and 3 Grammar, Writing, Conversation, and Reading Classes
 - Lead class activities and computer labs
 - Adhere to a strict assignment schedule for administration and grading of tests and writing assignments

Other Applicable Skills

- ∞ Adobe Photoshop
- ∞ Microsoft Office Suite
- ∞ Open Office.org Suite
- ∞ HTML

Honors and Awards

- ∞ Dean's List (3.5 GPA and above): Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2007
- ∞ President's List (4.0): Spring 2003, Spring 2007, Spring 2008
- ∞ Participated in Honors Program.

Student Affiliations

- ∞ Kansai Gaidai Art Club (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005)
- ∞ Japanese conversation groups (2007-2008)