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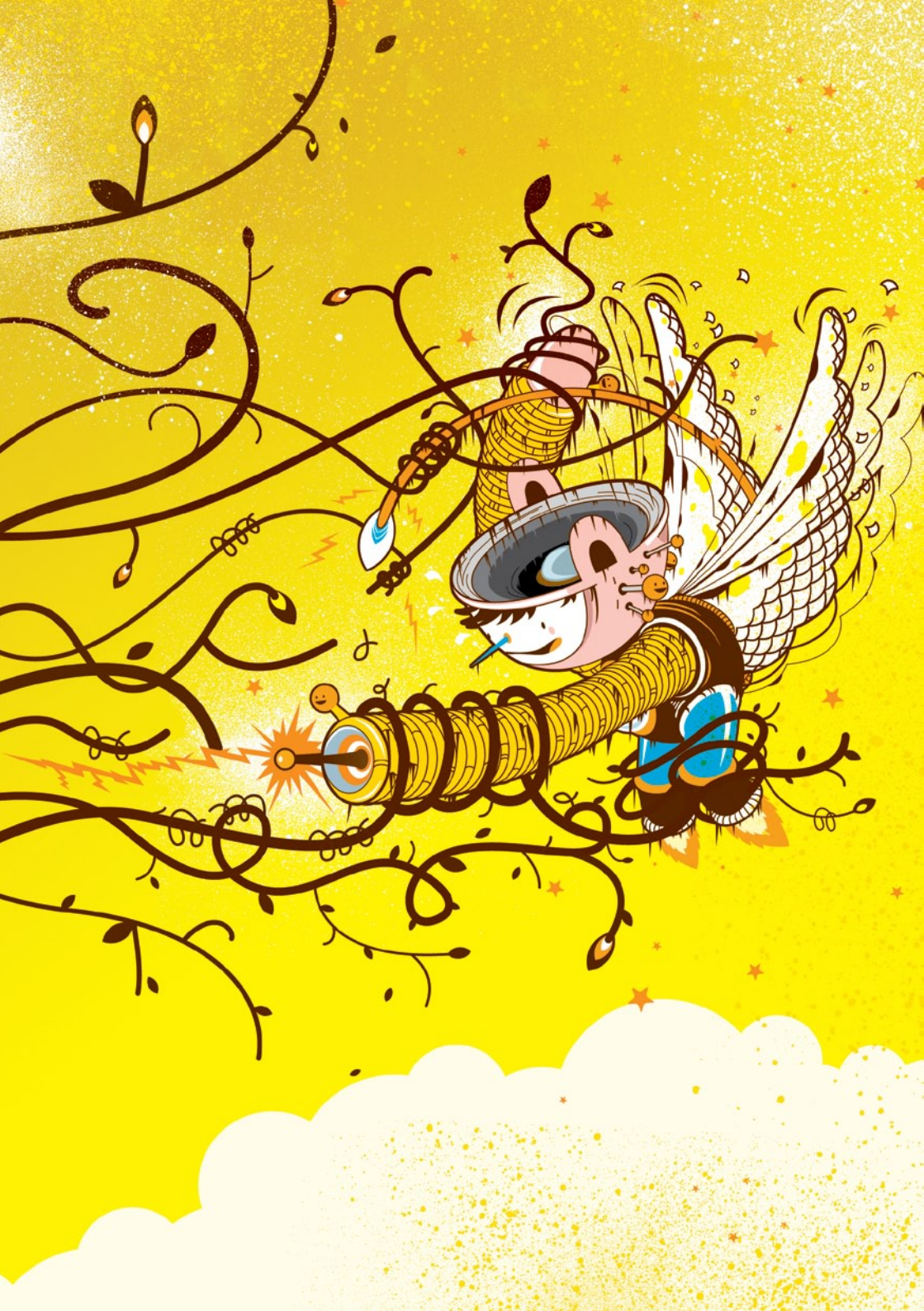
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**MATIAS VIGLIANO**

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**During the day I work in motion graphics projects or illustrations for my clients. Or else I get together with my partners from Doma to design toys or discuss new ideas. At night I usually try to rest. I was a superhero some years ago when I used to keep working through the night, but I don't want to do that anymore.**

**What's your favourite thing to do? In my free time I like going out to dinner with friends, to the movies or playing sports. Also drawing, planning exhibitions with Doma, travel a lot, meeting new people and artists from other parts of the world. I also like watching movies at home, but I always fall asleep.**

**Last year Doma opened a gallery/store in Buenos Aires and it's fun to plan the exhibitions, inviting artists and share experiences. It's very fulfilling to see how the space grows and develops it's identity.**

**My hobbies sometimes blend with work and that's great.**



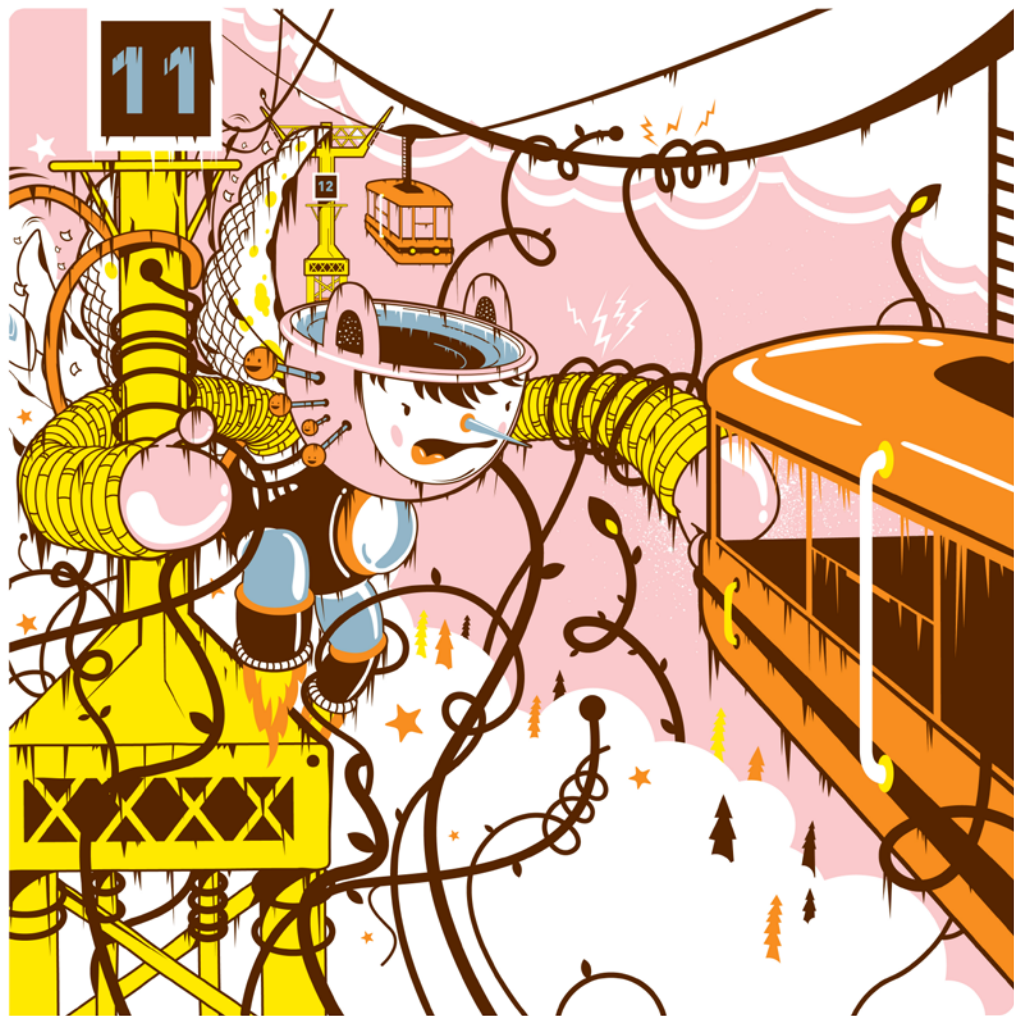




**Who's important to you?**

**My inspiration usually comes not from anyone in particular but from personal experiences, facts and also movies.**

**But if I have to speak about important people in my life, undoubtedly my family and my wife Juliana are essential in my life. Without them my life would be much harder and sad.**



**Are you a collector?** I really enjoy picking out design objects and decor, such as furniture and lamps. But I don't collect them. I keep some that I like, but I don't attach much importance to them, I could easily live without them.





**What's your latest gadget? I'm not a big fan of tech gadgets, but even though it sounds ridiculous I do enjoy kitchen gadgets. My favorite is a bottle cleaner I got in Japan.**



**ANNA ANJOS**

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**I always liked to work at night, and I prefer to do my job at night. In fact, I love to do my job at any time!**







**What's your favourite thing to do?** I like to take photos (experimental photography), to travel, to watch a nice movie, or to read a good book.

**Who's important to you?** In cinema area I like very much David Lynch. I get inspiration in surrealism, in chaos and bizarre things to create my illustrations. I like also Stephen King, in literature area. I think these are the two people that most influenced me in my job.







**Are you a collector? Yes. I am a movie and postal card collector. I think I have more than 500 postal cards, and a lot of movies, like Charles Chaplin, David Lynch, David Cronenberg, between others.**

**What's your latest gadget? I am not the kind of person who is attached to gadgets. Instead I prefer to buy many books and art materials.**

**DAVE HUGHES**

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**By day I work as a graphic designer for a large communications company. The majority of my time is spent creating print based work for a variety of clients. It's a relatively stress-free job but is not especially creatively challenging. I often consider the leap to a freelance career but for now the benefits of having a relatively secure job and a guaranteed monthly income means I'll be staying put for a while. In the future I'd love to become completely freelance, perhaps even starting up a small studio.**



**What's your favourite thing to do?** When I'm not working one of my favourite hobbies is DJing. At one point it was without a doubt the most important aspect of my life. I travelled the country playing various venues, was on pirate radio and had a couple of residencies in London. Looking back some of my favourite memories come from experiences I had whilst DJing. Those hectic days are behind me now but I jump on the decks at home and parties at every opportunity and find it great for clearing my mind and relaxing.

**Who's important to you?** My fiancée is without a doubt the most important person in my life. Like myself she works as a graphic designer. Her support, encouragement and creative input are priceless.





**Are you a collector? I've definitely got the collectors gene. My garage is rammed full of vinyl, my bookcase strains under the weight of various books and I also collect retro toys, antique tins and cardboard packaging.**



**What's your latest gadget? My newest gadget is a Wacom tablet. I'd been interested in buying one for a while and a friend was kind enough to lend me his. I was immediately hooked and bought one straight away. I've had mine for a couple of months now and can't imagine working without it. At the time of writing this I've also purchased a 24" monitor and a3 printer, can't wait to get them!**



**LAURA SERRA**

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**I'm a graphic designer by day  
and an illustrator at night ;)**



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**What's your favourite thing to do? My job is my hobby! When I draw or make collages I get very relaxed. It's like yoga for me! :) But when I'm bored with drawing I love reading books and walking around in the streets and parcs in Berlin. I love this city.**







**Who's important to you?** So many artists are my inspiration. Sometimes because they have good ideas but I have an idea in my mind how I can make it better. Sometimes just to try if I can use my own ideas with the technique the artists worked with... But my biggest inspiration is the music I listen to and nature.

**Are you a collector?** I collect special paper, petals and leafes. Sometimes I make paper out of newspapers and petals.  
**Ah and Books.** I love to collect books. But didn't get very far yet. ;)



**What's your latest gadget? Lately I bought new earphones and new speakers for my MacMini. I felt like buying a new car. xD**







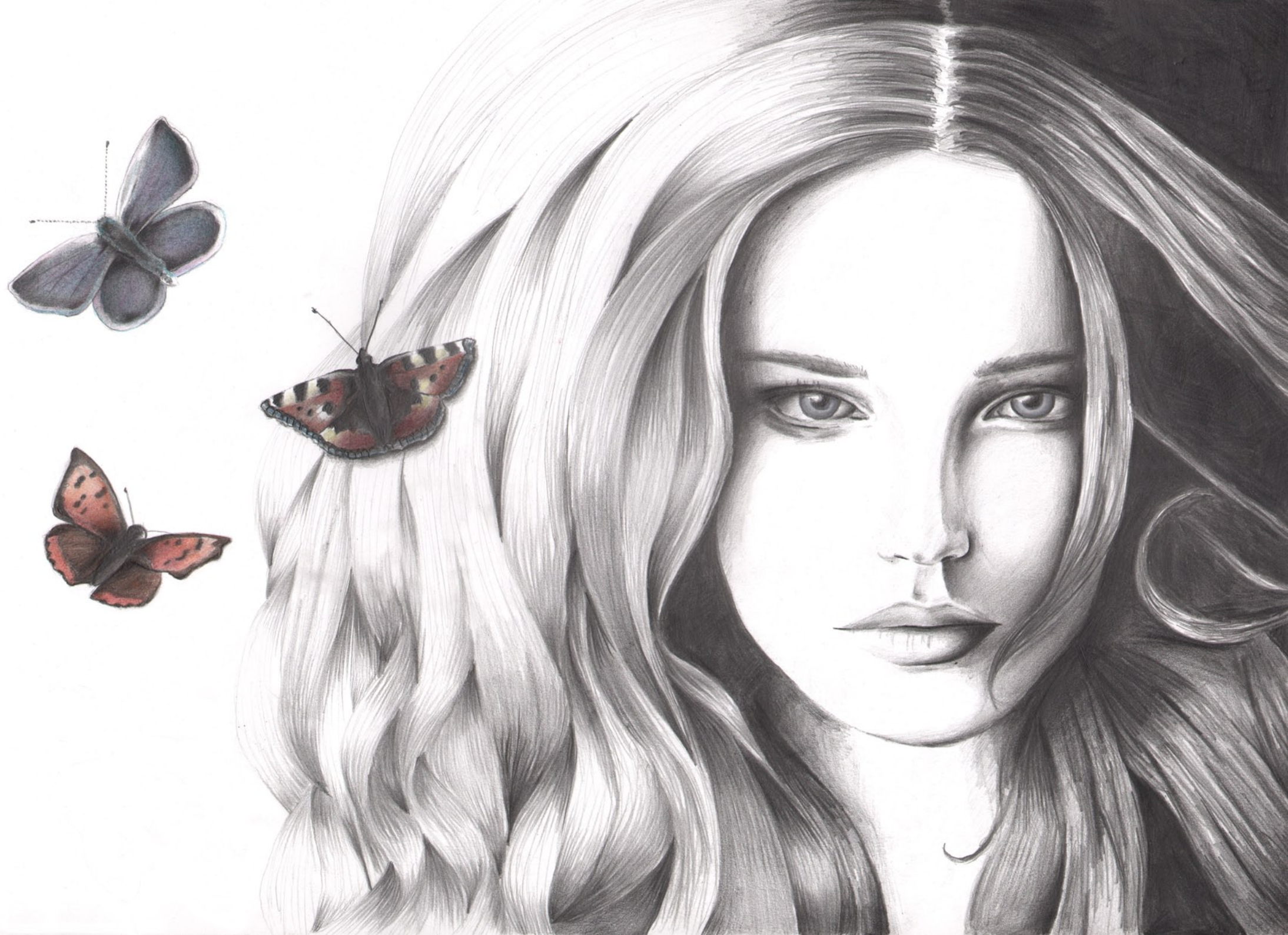
**SHONA MCQUILLAN**

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**As much as I'd love to be able to say that I'm a full-time artist, the reality is that I work in a marketing role in Higher Education. Art's something that I do out of hours and at the weekends. I enjoy my day job and love having time at home to absorb myself in creating stuff. It's working well like this at the moment; I'm very fortunate to earn a salary but have my own time to work on my passion.**

**I started painting last July, so I'm very much in the process of working things out: trying to work on my drawing skills, trying out new techniques and trying to take more risks. I know that my work has a long way to go, but the learning process is part of the joy of it. I want to get better - alot better - at what I'm doing.**













**What's your favourite thing to do? (Laughing) Much of my time when I'm not doing the day job is getting dirty with paint and pencils! But, I also make time for a handful of gigs, relaxing with friends and I'd be hauled over the coals if I didn't mention that I enjoy the odd spot of socialising! I'm also starting to get a bit more involved in the local blogging and social media community here in Birmingham - I've recently committed to producing a piece of work for a charity event organised by BrumTwestival for the Charity:Water organisation. It's amazing what you can suddenly find yourself doing when you think you're making innocent conversation within an online social network!**



**Who's important to you? There are numerous people who are important to me. Of course, it goes without saying that my husband, friends and family are wonderful and encourage me so much. I refused to even pick up a pencil for about ten years. They all nagged me about it and kept on at me until I gave into them last July. I'm glad they persisted. I've also had some really fantastic support from some amazing people in the wider community in Birmingham, too. I can't thank them enough.**

**In terms of artists who inspire me, again, there are so many. Bronzino, Velasquez, Sir Stanley Spencer and Francis Bacon all give me the chills for the right reason. Current day artists I admire and am in awe of include Shawn Barber, Stella Im Hultberg, Ian Francis, Tessar Lo, James Jean, Melissa Haslam, Amy Sol, Audrey Kawasaki, Bec Winnell, Sarah Joncas... and more - the list goes on and on. There's so much brilliant creativity happening at this time, it would be very difficult not to find something to inspire and make you look twice.**





**Are you a collector?** I'm very much a beginner at this collecting lark. So much so, that I only acquired my first piece this Christmas - a print of Tessar Lo's 'The Crusade'. It's beautiful. I don't think one piece qualifies me as a collector just yet!

**My dream collection** would include originals by Ian Francis, Shawn Barber and Stella Im Hultberg. I suspect I'd get a bit greedy - a bit of a hunger for it - and would end up racking up as many works by artists I admire as I could. Naturally, I'm hoping to get a bit richer so I can start working at this dream.

**What's your latest gadget?** I really wish I could tell you about my stunning new iPhone, or my fabulous new MacBook Pro. But I'd be be telling tales. Brace yourselves. It was a washing machine. A common or garden washing machine. I broke the other one. But, it does have flashing lights and, um, washes clothes. Not very rock 'n' roll! I bet you're wishing you'd left that question out now (laughs).





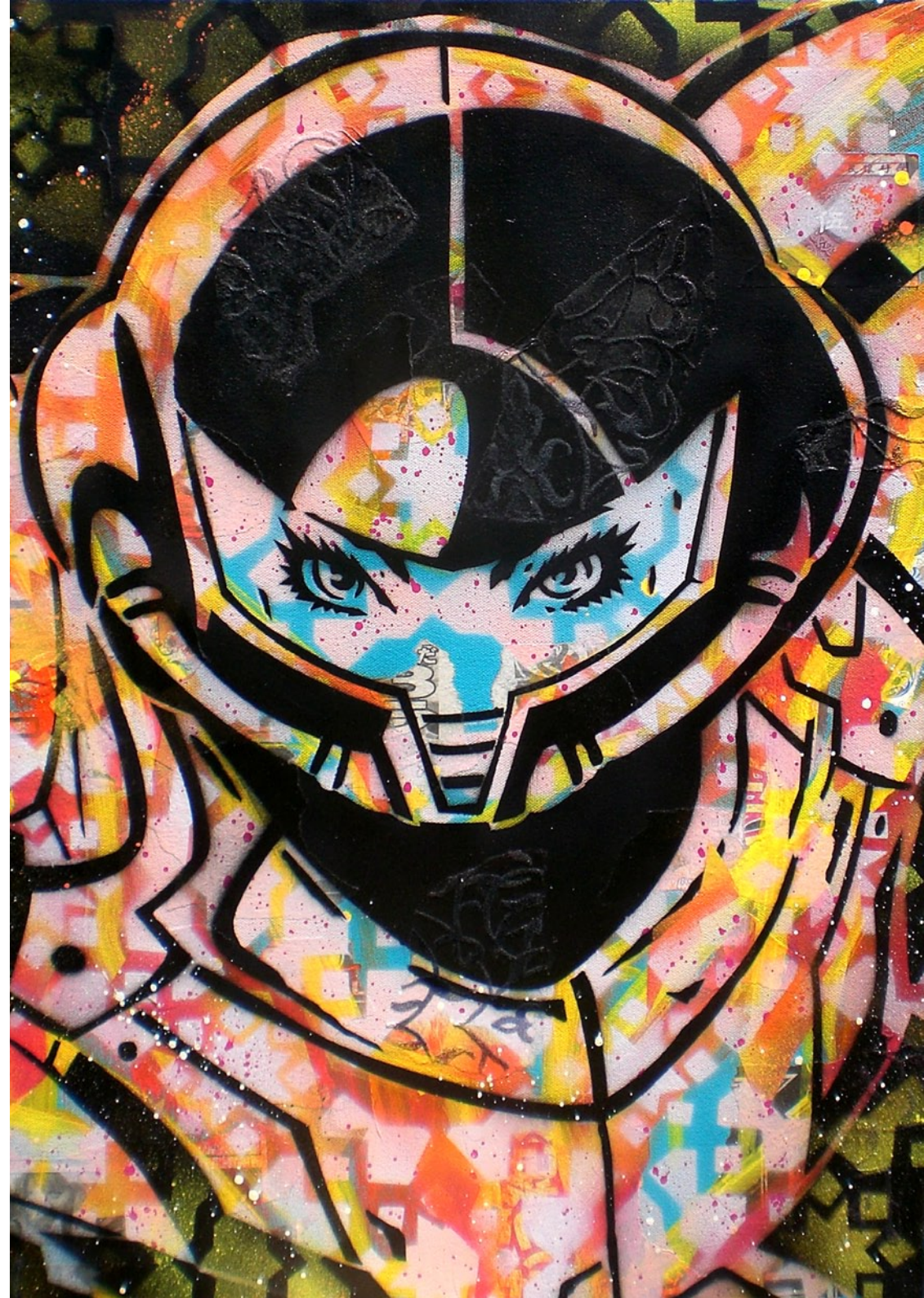
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**My day time job has been one of a scientist and researcher. It is interesting to see how both my art and my science background interact together and the striking similarities between both. With science I am always looking to start or discover something new or even modify a part of an experiment to make it stronger or faster. This is something I also try to accomplish in my art by discovering new techniques and adding on to what I already know in order to create pieces which are more powerful than anything I did in the past. My goal is to add greater depth to my stencil art pieces so that the audience can have a stronger interaction with the painting. The more you become involved in the field, the more you have the potential to evolve and learn. Both careers (scientist and stencil artist) allow me to create and make mistakes along the way that help and contribute to my growth and it makes the experience all the more exciting.**



**What's your favourite thing to do?** One of my favorite things to do in my free time is to watch movies and listen to music. Those two activities can really put you in a whole new mood or mind frame. Music can make you want to dance or it can push you to think about things in a new way. Movies also have a similar affect in the sense that you are thrown into a story that not only depends on what you see but the emotions behind words and action that is taking place on the screen. I feel like art or painting and in my case stencils are very close to these two genres of entertainment since your final painting, the effort and story you have placed inside can all have a different effect on a person whether they hate what you have created or they love the mystery behind the art and the artist.











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**Who's important to you? I really don't think I have one most important person but I would say that my family and friends play a huge role in my life. They are my biggest fans and my harshest critics. They really only help motivate me to do more and do things better. I really could not live without their support. When you have a person or even many people in your corner rooting for you; you become motivated and as you may or may not know; it is never easy to do something on your own. Success, fame and wealth could be completely gone but you can always count on someone to be in your life to push you forward because all they want is for you to pass on the love that they have for you onto someone else and continue to grow and help others no matter the material gain.**





**Are you a collector?** I am a gigantic collector. There is really nothing that I throw away and I seem to always find a use for something even if it is just trash. One of my biggest collections to date would be my Nike Dunk shoe collection. I have always had this fascination with colors, patterns and textures and my shoes are the perfect example. I never try to match my clothing with my shoes and I let the sneakers stand on their own. I was initially only into Nike Dunk Lows for some time but I am currently in my Nike Dunk High phase. The limited edition sneakers are the best because it gives you that feeling of having something very exclusive and unique. I think that sneaker collecting has really grown over the past few years into this phenomena that is extremely difficult to keep up with now, but always great to be involved with. It would really be a dream come true to design a shoe based on my color scheme, texture and images of the women that I stencil. I think sneakers and stencil art together make for a wonderful relationship.





**What's your latest gadget?** The last gadget I bought was a new laptop and camera. I think those two things are some of the most valuable tools for an artist to have aside from what they use to create their artwork. It is one thing to create something beautiful but it is another to be able to share your work with people or anyone anywhere in the world. The right photo can either make or break the artist at times, especially on the web because in most cases it is difficult for someone to travel to your show to see the painting for themselves and really explore the dimensions intricacies of what you have created.

The internet and many sites have really made the world into a smaller place where you could never get the wealth of visual information that you could from a magazine or newspaper.

Although this is true to some extent there are benefits as well as drawback from this tool. You can have people that steal and manipulate the works of other people for profit; or even have a person that only created one painting and now claims to be the best artist in the world. On the opposite spectrum you open the window for interaction and sharing of inspiration across oceans and cities to people who without the internet would have never been exposed to what you are trying to say whether it be a message or a simple image of beauty. For anyone starting out in anything you love and have passion for it is critical to have the right tools and your dedication to what you do will shine and take care of the rest.





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**I'm an illustrator.**







**What's your favourite thing to do?** I like to eat sweets with my friends! There are many cute cafes around my place then, I usually wandering around to find better sweets! Or sitting on the couch, reading books, listening electronic music, and relax!

**Who's important to you?** I'd say my family and friends. they're always supportive and they help me a lot. I always appreciate people around me. as my inspiration, Louis Carol, Kiki Sumith and William Kentridge.





**Are you a collector? I'm collecting children's book from all over the world. It's really interesting to see the culture behind the book. I personally like to travel and any time I go to different countries, I buy some books there.**

**What's your latest gadget? I've got an iPod Touch. I like it because I can check the internet anytime.**











**CHARRISH FERGUSON**

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**I'm a sales rep, a manager, a reporter, a photographer, an editor, a fashion consultant and a personal assistant. But you can call me a designer.**







**What's your favourite thing to do?** At my current location there are not a lot of things to do that tickle my fancy. So for now I watch tv to relax. When I move to England I'm sure I'll find lots of things to do.

**Who's important to you?** Life is my inspiration and my mother is my everything.

**Are you a collector?** No I'm not cool enough to collect things. I wish I were! If I could collect something it would be earrings. Gotta be fashionable.

**What's your latest gadget?** Well I'm not too good with gadgets. In 2008 I lost a total of 8 cell phones, I lost my camera, my iPod is in limbo somewhere in my room... me and gadgets are not friends.











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