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Artist Profile:

Jerzy Drozd began his comics illustration career at 19, self-publishing his own comic books. He has also worked for Antarctic Press on their flagship title *Ninja High School*. While at Antarctic Press, he and writer Tom Root (of Cartoon Network's *Robot Chicken*) co-created the mini-series *PPV: Pay-Per-View*. He is one of the artists behind Make Like A Tree Comics, a self-publishing comics company that specializes in all-ages comics serialized online and collected in print. This venture caught the attention of Glencoe McGraw-Hill, who contracted Drozd to co-create and illustrate a series of pro-social and educational comics stories for their "Backpack Reader" series of books. In 2006 he completed his 197-page online graphic novel, "The Front," a retelling of the first comics story he self-published.

Drozdz has also been the artist for the Arizona Nutrition Network since 2002. He reinvigorated their mascot, Bobby B. Well, and created a host of supporting characters. These characters appeared in comics stories written and illustrated by Drozd. In addition to that, he illustrated storyboards for animated commercial spots, created illustrations for print advertisements and collateral media, as well as provided character artwork for video games about Bobby and his friends.

Though he continues to work as a freelance illustrator, Drozd's main passion has always been comics, and he enjoys sharing that passion with others. In 2005 he began performing workshops at schools such as Central Michigan University and Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne. He served as the Lead Teaching Artist with ArtServe Michigan's Literacy Arts Comic Book Project, teaching the comics art form to over 700 Detroit 3rd and 4th graders as well as leading professional development sessions with teachers. In 2008 he worked with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to create a participatory workshop for teachers. In June 2009 he led a variety of comics workshops at the first annual Kids Read Comics convention (www.kidsreadcomics.org), an event he co-organized with teen librarian Edith Burney, DC Comics writer Dan Mishkin, and Green Brain comics store owner Dan Merritt. He is currently developing content for the 2011 Kids Read Comics convention.

Drozdz lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan with his wife and two cats.

Published Comics Works:

- 2009**
- 01 Comics**
Sugary Serials (contributing editor)
- Tiny Astronaut Press**
Tiny Hamilton
- 2008**
- 01 Comics**
Sugary Serials (contributing editor)
- 2007**
- 01 Comics**
Sugary Serials (contributing editor)
The Front
Tales of The Front Presents: The Origin of Jared
- 2006**
- Self-Published**
The Replacements #2
Silver and the Periodic Forces #2
- Glencoe McGraw-Hill**
The Calamity Kids
- 2005**
- Self-Published**
The Front #1 MoCCA Art Festival Special Edition
The Replacements #1
Silver and the Periodic Forces #1
- 2004**
- Graphic Smash**
Fans! (online graphic novel)
- 2002**
- Antarctic Press**
PPV: Pay-Per-View
Ninja High School Annual #14
- 2001**
- Antarctic Press**
Ninja High School #81-84
- 2000**
- Antarctic Press**
Ninja High School #76-80
- 1999**
- Antarctic Press**
Ninja High School #72-74
Mangazine #4-5
Ninja High School Summer Special
Girls of Ninja High School #9
Ninja High School Yearbook #11

Freelance Illustration Clients:

Ongoing

Arizona Nutrition Network (2002-present) - Character design, storyboards, collateral media and comic book illustrations for children's healthy living initiative

2009

01 Comics - Comic book storytelling, illustrations, and graphic design

Chelsea District Library - Character, logo, and banner designs

Go, Goddess! LLC - Character design and product illustrations

2008

Wachovia - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials and spot illustrations for print advertising

01 Comics - Comic book storytelling, illustrations, and graphic design

2007

Art Serve Michigan - Sketchbook and journal cover illustrations for the ArtServe Michigan Literacy Arts Comic Book Project

Nintendo Brain Age - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

Arizona Department of Tourism - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

01 Comics - Comic book storytelling, illustrations, and graphic design

Komikwerks - Comic book storytelling and illustrations serialized online

2006

Njoy - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

Komikwerks - Comic book storytelling and illustrations serialized online

Taco Time - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

Accessories Marketing, Inc. - Point-of-sale display design, storyboard illustrations, print advertisement illustrations for Slime tire sealant

2005

Higher Level Athletics - T-Shirt illustrations promoting athletic training

Food City - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

Glencoe McGraw-Hill - Comic book storytelling and illustrations for "Backpack Reader" books, aimed at children with reading difficulties

Goodwill Stores - Storyboard illustrations for television commercials

2003

Phoenix Zoo - Illustrations for coloring book promoting the Phoenix Zoo

Graphic Smash - Comic book storytelling and illustrations serialized online

1998-2002

Antarctic Press - Comic book storytelling and illustrations for various titles

Exhibitions:

2006

"Monsters, Aliens, Robots, and Teenagers: The Unlikely Protagonists of Jerzy Drozd and Sara Turner" - A comics art exhibition to coincide with a comics lecture and workshop.

Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne Visual Arts Gallery (October)

Education:

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Attended 9/97 - 12/98 with concentration in graphic design and printing.

Mount Pleasant High School, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Attended 9/88 - 6/92.