

# ***ELIANA BATSAKIS***

**fashion designer / fine artist**

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Young creative with a fiery passion for design. Only a year out of design school, already has multiple recognitions from the CFDA and a designer profile on Runway360. Showed independently on a sponsorship with Atlantic City Fashion Week for runway debut in February of 2022. Currently enjoys soul fulfilling work in her free time that gives back to the community- recently completed a mural project at the Cincinnati International Airport with ArtWorks Cincinnati leading a team of high school apprentices. Eliana hopes to continue to tie together her interests of community service, story-telling, and design in future projects.

## education

08/2016-  
05/2021

**Bachelor of Fine Arts, Fashion Design**  
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

06/2018 -  
07/2018

**Study Abroad SAIC Paris & London**  
Fashion and Design

## coursework

- Fashion Design/Construction I, II, III, IV, V.
- Digital Patternmaking for Fashion Design
- Costume Design in Film & TV
- Computer Imaging for Fashion
- Fashion Illustration
- Intro to Fashion, Body, and Garment
- 3D Embellishment for Fashion
- Embroidery Workshop at E'cole L'esage Paris
- Intro to Fiber/ Material Studies
- Interface Design Seminar
- Designed Objects I & II
- Product Design Illustration & Technical Drawing
- History of Dress and Society
- Art of the 1980's
- The History of Opera
- Art History: Pre-19th Century
- Survey Modern to Contemporary Art
- French I & II

## work experience

06/2021-  
PRESENT

**Freelancing Artist/Fashion Designer/Creative Director (Cincinnati, OH)**  
**Independent- Eliana Batsakis**

- Confer with clients, editors, stylists, photographers, and other interested parties regarding the artwork/fashion/concept to be produced
- Work closely with fashion clients on fittings and alterations of new and existing garments

- Submit preliminary plans including sketches, budget, and timeline to clients for approval, making changes as necessary
- Work collaboratively with creative professionals on editorial fashion shoots for publication, traveling as needed
- Run Etsy store ElianaBatsakis (opened 2021, make most sales over Instagram)
- Complete custom commission work and special projects including murals, watercolor paintings, colored pencil portraits, and fashion sketches

06/2022 - **Lead Costume Designer (Cincinnati, OH)**  
PRESENT **Cincinnati Actor's Studio & Academy**

- Designed, created, and sourced original costumes for professional stage production
- Researched clothing styles, culture, and historical events surrounding show's time period in order to elevate costume accuracy
- Worked with schedule and tight budget in mind at all times
- Collaborated with actors and director to create costumes with their visions in mind
- Carefully assessed stories and scripts to determine costume needs and functions

04/2022 - **Fashion Designer (Brooklyn, New York)**  
06/2022 **(Undisclosed Project)**

- Fashion designer for a currently undisclosed project, unable to give further information until 2023.

07/2021 - **Teaching Artist (Cincinnati, OH)**  
10/2021 **ArtWorks Cincinnati**

- Led a team of high school apprentices on a mural at Cincinnati International Airport (CVG)
- Shared technical and professional skills with youth apprentices and acted as a role model/mentor
- Helped complete project goals, achieving excellent results both in artwork quality and youth apprentice experience while creating artwork for the community

07/2020-  
09/2020      **Design/Construction Intern (New York, NY)**  
**Vaquera NYC**

- Drafted/revise patterns and created tech packs for sample production
- Fabric and trim sourced for custom work and SS21 collection
- Assisted production manager in communicating with local factories through quality control, material organization, and gathering materials for cut tickets
- Cut and sewed production samples for SS21 collection, hand-sewed closures and hems on garments
- Delivered samples, artwork, and various trims to local factories for production

07/2019-  
12/2019      **Design Assistant (Chicago, IL)**  
**Brynn Capella Handbags**

- Created tech packs, sketched ideations for future designs, worked directly with contractor on production runs
- Responsible for updating inventory and cost sheets, communicated with suppliers, created sample books and organized swatches
- Updated lifestyle blog, created presentations for trend forecasting, communicated directly with customers, encouraged sales/offered customer support at in-person events

04/2018-  
08/2018      **Studio Assistant (Chicago, IL)**  
**Alex Ulichny**

- Hand-sewed delicate 3D structures using fishing line to create intricate body sculptures
- Communicated clearly with head designer, shipped completed structures to final location

03/2018-  
05/2018      **Studio Assistant (Chicago, IL)**  
**Maria Beniaris**

- Responsible for embroidering thousands of beads onto custom bikinis/textile manipulation for "Anaphoric Island" collection

06/2017-  
08/2017

**Studio Fine Artist Assistant (Cincinnati, OH)**  
**Kelly Burchin LLC**

- Assisted in teaching art classes to community youth, assisted on special projects, responsible for maintaining clean work space and brushes

08/2014-  
05/2016

**Costume Design Head (Cincinnati, OH)**  
**Three Rivers Acclaim Series**

- Designed, constructed, and sourced costumes for stage productions
- Costume maintenance, mended, altered, sorted/cleaned historical clothing

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## runway experience

05/2022-  
06/2022

**Netflix Studios (Brooklyn, NY)**  
**Undisclosed Project**

02/2022

**Atlantic City Fashion Week (Atlantic City, NJ)**  
**Eliana Batsakis**

05/2021

**SAIC Fashion Core Senior Video (Chicago, IL)**  
**Eliana Batsakis**

05/2018

**SAIC Fashion Show 2018 (Chicago, IL)**  
**Collaboration with Maria Beniaris**

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## awards

**Atlantic City Fashion Week Designer Sponsorship 2022**  
*Atlantic City Fashion Week (Atlantic City, NJ)*

**CFDA x Fashion Futures Graduate Showcase 2021**  
*Council of Fashion Designers of America (New York, NY)*

**Fashion Council Senior Award 2021**  
*School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Fashion Council (Chicago, IL)*

**Excellence In Leadership Award 2021**  
*School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**Build Your Way Out Grant Recipient 2021**  
*School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Student Government (Chicago, IL)*

**CFDA Design Scholar x Sunchi Image-Maker Award 2020**  
*Council of Fashion Designers of America (New York, NY)*



**The Ungaro Scholarship 2020**  
*School of the Art Institute of Chicago Fashion  
Department (Chicago, IL)*

**Taft Art Museum Award of Merit 2016**  
*Taft Art Museum (Cincinnati, OH)*

**National Scholastics Art & Writing  
Awards Silver Medalist 2015**  
*Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (New York, NY)*

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## exhibitions

**Atlantic City Fashion Week 2022** *Atlantic City Fashion Week (Atlantic City, NJ)*

**SAIC Virtual Fashion Exhibition 2021** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**CFDA x Fashion Futures Graduate Showcase 2021** *Council of Fashion Designers of America (New York, NY)*

**CFDA Runway 360 Platform Feature** *Council of Fashion Designers of America (New York, NY)*

**SAIC Fashion Exhibition "Ode" 2020** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**BFA Undergraduate Exhibition 2020** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*  
*(Collaboration with Tia Mitchell)*

**SAIC Fashion Exhibition "Alchemy" 2019** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**SAIC Fashion Exhibition 2018** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**BFA Undergraduate Exhibition 2018** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*  
*(Collaboration with Shivani Goel)*

**ArtBash Undergraduate Exhibition 2016** *School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Chicago, IL)*

**Taft Art Museum Merit Exhibition 2016** *Taft Art Museum x Cincinnati Public Library (Cincinnati, OH)*

**National Scholastics Art & Writing Exhibition 2015** *The New School (New York, NY)*

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## press

- 04/2022 **"When Will It Finish Loading?" Fashion Editorial (Chicago, IL)**  
**Vulkan New Era Magazine**
- 04/2022 **"In My Dreams" Fashion Editorial (Chicago, IL)**  
**Lady Gunn Magazine**
- 02/2022 **"Take to the Water" CVG ArtWorks Mural (Cincinnati, OH)**  
**ArtWorks Cincinnati**
- 09/2021 **CFDA x FFGS 2021 Launch Event (New York, NY)**  
**Council of Fashion Designers of America**
- 09/2020 **"Meet the 2020 CFDA Scholars" CFDA (New York, NY)**  
**Kevin Bass, Council of Fashion Designers of America**
- 08/2020 **"In Its 39 Years of History, The CFDA Awards Has The Most Diverse Group of Winners" (New York, NY)**  
**Allyson Portee, Forbes**
- 07/2020 **"Student Eliana Batsakis Receives CFDA Design Scholar Award" (Chicago, IL)**  
**SAIC News**
- 05/2020 **"Future Is Now" Fashion Brochure (Chicago, IL)**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
- 05/2019 **SAIC Fashion Poster Book 2019 (Chicago, IL)**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
- 05/2018 **SAIC Fashion "Alchemy" 2018 Publication (Chicago, IL)**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**
- 08/2016 **Michigan Fashion Issue 2016 (Port Huron, MI)**  
**Proctor Productions, Miss Universe Organization**
- 08/2016 **Ohio Fashion Issue 2016 (Port Huron, MI)**  
**Proctor Productions, Miss Universe Organization**

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## certifications

**Bloodborne Pathogens Certification**  
**07.2021**  
**National Health and Safety Association**

**Standard CPR/AED & First Aid**  
07.2021  
National Health and Safety Association

**Aerial & Scissor Lift Certification**  
07.2021  
American Safety Council

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## creative skills

- Patterning
- Draping
- Industrial Sewing
- Hand Sewing
- Illustration/Sketching
- Technical Flats
- Embroidery
- Styling
- Fitting/Dressing Models
- Tech Packs

## software

- Google Drive Applications
- MS Office
- Gerber Technologies
- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- InDesign
- Experience Design
- Sync On Set
- Canva

## professional skills

- Detail Oriented
- Communication
- Writing
- Organization
- Client Support
- Time Management
- Research/Development
- Teamwork
- Conflict Resolution
- Teaching/Mentorship



## other

- Painting & Drawing
- Murals (Prepping, Gridding, Painting)
- French (Beginner)
- Woodshop (Basic)
- Lasercutting
- Makeup Design

## interests

- Costume Design
- Film/TV
- Theater
- Live Performance
- Opera
- Fashion/Haute Couture
- Community Service
- Murals

