

Christina Bolgren Cruz

Artist biography



Christina Bolgren-Cruz's love for art blossomed as a child. She was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Clarke University in 2012 and moved to Hanover, Illinois, in 2013 where she currently resides.

Christina is a multi-faceted artist, exploring multiple mediums including pencil and graphite powder on paper and wood, oil painting, and tattooing. Her subject matter varies from animals to people, but she is most captivated with the human figure and is drawn to realism. She enjoys the challenge of trying to capture the minute individual differences that make each person unique.

Her primary medium of choice is pencil and graphite powder. She 'paints' the graphite powder onto paper and wood with paint brushes. Christina enjoys manipulating and layering the achromatic tones, from the darkest darks to the lightest lights until a high level of realism is achieved. Wood grain adds another level of interest, playing on the layers with in the composition. This results in almost a haunting appearance that can be seen and felt in most of her works.

Christina co-owns Timeless Art Tattoo Studio in Hanover, Illinois, with her husband Rudy, who is also a tattoo artist.

