

Interview with

Maggie Weng





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Hi, my name is

Maggie Weng.

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I am an illustration student
at Rhode Island School of Design. I
am in my third year. And, specifically really
like editorial and animation as my main
areas of focus.

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When and how did you choose
your major?

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I chose my major in **freshman** year.
Because I was essentially told that film and
animation video is not good for going into
the animation industry. So, I went into
illustration. I learned that's not true,
but that's why I'm here now.

How do you approach a new project?
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Usually, I start with some sort of ideation. I try to think of interesting ways to approach the prompt. And, I like thinking of interesting ways to approach the subject. So, in terms of composition or color of mood, how to best communicate all of those things.

Where do you get inspiration?
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Like for example, Pinterest or books? I think all over the place. Definitely, social media. I think I like Twitter and Instagram, specifically, for the art on there. And, I like watching movies.



Maggie's workspace



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A meeting with Anne Boleyn

What's
advice
the
best
you've
received?

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The best advice I've ever received would probably be from my viola teacher. I used to play viola from middle school to high-school. And, one of the things that she taught me was that essentially, talent is good. And it's something that is important in some regards. But, at the end of the day,

“The only thing that will actually make you talented is actual work.”

What's
love
free time?
or
activity
in
doing
a hobby
your
you

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This year, I found myself cooking a lot. I think it's because I don't want to eat the dining hall food all the time. So, I found myself like making myself meals, which has been interesting because I've never really done that before.

I, recently, over winter break, I taught myself how to make 'Japanese pudding.' It's actually pretty easy to make if you have all of the ingredients on hand.

HOW

do you

handle

stress

or

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difficult situations?

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I don't really handle stress, honestly. My main way that I do things is that I'll freak out about it, and then I'll eventually just get to work, and then I'll drink a bunch of caffeine, and then I'll keep working on it until it's done.

DO

you

prefer

tea

or

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coffee?

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I prefer tea actually, but coffee has more of caffeine. So both.

Do you have favorite
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 or experience in your life?

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Thinking about it this summer, I went to China with my mother and I just have good memories of that those couple of weeks because I don't have a lot of time to spend with my mom anymore. And being overseas and seeing my family was really nice.

Was it your 1st time visiting
 C h i n a ?

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It wasn't, but it was the first time in probably more than half a decade.

Share with me some of your favorite things. It could be anything.

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I can rattle them off one by one probably. So, my favorite color is red. I like cars and machinery. My favorite food would probably be spring rolls. I like cats.

Cats?
You have a cat?

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I don't. My mother is quite adverse.

Okay, I think that's it.
Tha_nk you so much :)

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Oh, yeah. Great.
Tha_nk you so much.