

## **SASHA MIA STOPPI**

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### **ARTIST: FIBER ARTS, SOFT SCULPTURE, ILLUSTRATION**

#### **School:**

**Savannah College of Art & Design, Mid-Sophomore Standing**

#### **Awards:**

**Savannah College of Art & Design Distinguished Scholar**

**National:** Hunter Watson Entrepreneurship Grant: Winner for innovative neurodiverse toy line. 1st out of 200 applicants: \$4,200 award, 2023

**National:** The Neurodiversity Alliance Scholarship Award (\$10,000 to outstanding ND students)

**Regional:** Scholastic Arts & Writing Gold Key x 2: Art Portfolio & Mixed Media awards 2024

**Regional:** Scholastic Arts & Writing American Vision Award (5 per region), Fiber Art 2024

**Regional:** Scholastic Arts & Writing Gold Key: Drawing/Illustration, 2021

**Regional:** Scholastic Art Honorable Mention, three artworks in Drawing & Mixed Media, 2020 & 2021

**Regional:** NFTE Southeast Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge: 1st Place out of 23,000 in FL, GA & SC for Pudding Buddies soft toys. \$4,500 awarded in cash and trip to NYC, 2023.

**State:** Florida State Fair Art Exhibition (Portfolio Award given to 32 invited artists in FL, \$500, plus Creative Vision Award)

**County-Wide Finalist:** Miami Baynanza Poster Contest, Miami Public Schools Curated County-Wide Art Show

**South Florida:** Isaiah Award (\$2000), 2024

**New World School of the Arts:** Academic Excellence in Language Arts Award, given to 1 rising Sophomore, 2021

**New world School of the Arts:** Academic Excellence in Honors Statistics Award, given to 1 rising Senior, 2023

**New World School of the Arts:** Best Interdisciplinary Artist Award 2024

**AP 2D Exam 100% (Perfect Score):** Awarded to 1 out of every 337 AP 2D exam takers. My AP 2D portfolio investigated how a better understanding of neurodiversity can be portrayed through art.

#### **Community Service: 100 hours**

**Artist/Social Activist:** Graphic design art initiative: Zines for Progress @ Wolfsonian Museum at FIU.

**Digital Artist:** Live on-stage demos of the creation of digital art, representing NWSA Highschool.

#### **Experience:**

**Designer & Entrepreneur: NoodlePudding Brand,** 2018 - present

- Company founder/designer of 2D & 3D art including soft sculpture and loom-woven one of a kind fashion accessories by commission & sold online. Designed website, branding, print materials, manage business.
- Creator of award-winning *Pudding Buddies* soft-sculpture stim-toy line for neurodiverse kids. Received over \$9000 in cash/prizes to date, coming in first place out of 23,000 competitors.
- Hunter's Fund Entrepreneurship Grant winner, \$4200 grant provides seed money for outsourcing initial production run of Pudding Buddies toys for Neurodiverse kids.

**Summer Intern: Dadimo Design** Miami Design District, FL 2021

- Mentee under former Design Director for United Colors of Benetton Kids, Italy.
- Created tailored premium blazers w/industry level details. Learned how to operate industrial sewing machine. Applied skills to my own custom designs.

**2D Exhibiting Artist (2021-2024):** Rising Stars & Senior Showcase @NWSA, The Perez Art Museum, Wolfsonian FIU, NWSA Art Basel Collab at Koubek Center, Miami Dade Public Schools County-Wide Curated Art Show, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

#### **Special Interest/Proficiencies:**

Proficient in Photoshop, Procreate, loom weaving, industrial sewing, embroidery, guitar