

Ayla Ellen Hayes
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Education

2025 BFA in Studio, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Forthcoming Exhibitions

2026 *Vintage Quest Show*, Vintage Quest, Chicago, IL, April 2026.

Group Exhibitions/Publications

2026 *Horse Show*, www.name-gallery.com, Online, April 2026.

Empty Bottle Art Show 4: Ghost Busters: portraits of the departed (from the torso up), curated by Nick Fisher, Empty Bottle, Chicago, IL, January 2025.

2025 "A Trio of Youngsters Launch A New Craft Magazine: "Craftwerk." *The Mr. Magazine™ Interview with Chloe Harthan, Eli Clayton, and Ayla Hayes*", *Mr. Magazine™*, June 14, 2025.

Empty Bottle Art Show 3, curated by Nick Fisher, Empty Bottle, Chicago, IL, April 2025.

Congregation, curated by Lucca Colombelli, Povos, Chicago, IL, December 2025.

Hitch, curated by Chloe Harthan and Ayla Hayes, Point Blank, Chicago, IL, February 2025.

2024 *moving, still*, curated by kg Gnatowski and Louisa Charlotte McWilliam, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL, November 2024.

Pop Up Arcade, Digital Art Demo Space, Chicago, IL, March 2024.

"*Artist Feature: Ayla Hayes*", *Craftwerk Magazine*, *Craftwerk Manifesto*, Vol. 1, April 2024.

2023 *Dean's List Catalogue*, Digital, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, October 2023.

Projects

- 2025
Custom Design Project, series of promotional posters for a group art exhibition, for print and digital use, Independent client, Chicago, IL.
- Custom Design Project, series of digital flyers for a solo painting exhibition, Independent client, Chicago, IL.
- 2024
Promotional Material Design and Web design, creating consistent marketing material such as logos, flyers, brochures, and signage, Point Blank Gallery, Chicago, IL (2024-Current).
- 2023
Public Art Commission, medium-scale mural (5 x 8 ft.), acrylic and house paint, 5411 Empanadas, Lakeview, Chicago, IL.

Relevant Professional Experience

- 2025
Co-Director and Lead Designer, Point Blank Gallery, Chicago, IL (2024-Current).
- 2024
Teaching Assistant/Peer Mentor, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, (Spring 2024).
- Advanced Painting Studio, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2023-2024)
- 2023
Mural Arts Intern, Green Star Movement, Chicago, IL (January-June 2023).

Awards and grants

- 2023
Dean's List of Outstanding Sophomores, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2023).
- 2021
Merit Scholarship Recipient, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2021-2025).