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# Bailey Harmon

**M**y early struggles with communication and the need to express my thoughts are why art is still a key element in my life. I love making connections with others, which is reflected in most of my art work, and is one of the main reasons why I went abroad.

Character designing is one of my preferred art forms, which led me to dabble in animation and illustration when I studied abroad in England, but I have come to love graphic design and photography the most.

I enjoy graphic design because it is a form of communication that is clear to the public and delivered in a clean and visually pleasing way. There is no mess and no misunderstandings with graphic design, and the message I have, whether it is for an advertisement or my own personal thoughts, is heard clearly.

Finally, I adore photography because it turns my memories into artwork that can be shared. Wherever I have been, whoever I met, and the stories I created can be passed along to others, making more connections.

**A**s a child, Bailey Harmon often struggled with school and communication. Unlike other children, she did not start speaking until the age of 3. Once she began talking, her speech was limited to short sentences and sounds, which caused teachers and doctors to believe she was autistic and/or had ADHD. Though she was never diagnosed with either, it was still difficult to convey her thoughts to others, but art was a different story. Art became an outlet for her feelings and a tool for learning and exploring the world.

After partaking in a student exchange program in high school, Bailey developed a love for travel and culture, inspiring her to study abroad in college and to experiment with photography. Although Bailey enjoys all art forms, she has focused on developing her graphic design and illustration skills during her time at Manchester University. She plans on moving to England in August to begin her art career.

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Exhibition dates are Feb. 8–March 8, 2019. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, when classes are in session. For more information, contact the artist at [BMHarmon2019@manchester.edu](mailto:BMHarmon2019@manchester.edu).