

Sammy Castillo began her career at the ripe old age of 20. After graduating from college with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Video Game Art & Design, she was unleashed upon the world. For 7 years she worked as a full time graphic artist and free-lanced in the Video game industry working on projects ranging from learning games for children to some of the industry's top selling properties; work on these games ranged from more traditional 2d art to 3d texturing and modeling.

Despite her lengthy time in the video game world, Sammy's heart and passions lay elsewhere. Taking a brave step forward, Sammy uprooted her career and leapt into the new world of Classical Illustration and Comics.

To help break into this new industry, Sammy took a seminar (the very one she teaches today) "How to draw from your Imagination" taught by her future husband and world-renowned artist and illustrator Tommy Castillo. Tommy was a classically trained illustrator and artist in his own right with a career spanning 30+ years.

Tommy took Sammy under his wing teaching her not only his vast knowledge of Illustration and art techniques but also the ins and outs of the illustration business. Sammy quickly took over the business end of Castillo Studios and the two became a power-house illustration husband-wife team, working with such companies as Marvel, DC comics, Ultra Pro, Wizards of the Coast, Strathmore Artist Papers, Holbein Paints, Warner Bros, Marvel Studios, Wyrd Miniatures, Disney and many more. In the ten years of working together, Tommy and Sammy put paint and pencil to paper on over 100 titles and publications including their own self-published art books including "The Darkside of Oz" and the darkly funny "Coloring Book of the Dead"; a tongue in cheek zombie coloring book.

Together this power-house team traveled the world doing hundreds of events, signings and seminars, including having presence for over 20 years at the world's largest comic conventions and industry expo: San Diego Comic-Con and the flagship tabletop gaming industry show, Gen-con.

While Sammy took the controlling reins of Castillo studios, she broadened her skills becoming editor-in-chief of independent comic book and design house Scaretactix Graphics for the last 7 years.

Sadly, the highflying artist couple was not meant to fly forever. In 2017, Tommy passed away to complications of diabetes and renal failure.

Now, having taken the helm and full control of Castillo Studios, Sammy continues forward with their dreams of world domination via amazing and badass art and illustrations. She is continuing on with their personal projects, including an upcoming art technique and philosophy book she co-wrote with her late husband entitled, "The War of Art", as well as an autobiography/ biography, "Life with Tommy: Tales of Ridiculous Adventures with an Equally Ridiculous Man", in which Sammy recounts her history with Tommy from his brutal and unforgiving education to their silly midnight projects and adventures across the world, to the interaction and support of their fans during Tommy's failing health.

Sammy now faces the world with renewed vigor and dives back into the full creative process and wanting to share her love of creation with the world.

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