

THE FRONT

JORDANNA GEORGE



Salish Plants, digital illustration, 2023.

THE DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION *Shine* (2022), featured on the cover of *BC Studies*, was commissioned by Pomo musician hay:u for the cover of his album *Shine*. hay:u was particularly interested in using a sun design, which is a symbol I love to play with in my art. I was also excited to play with lighting and colour in this piece, and face my fears of rendering foliage. This is a slightly revised version, where the sun has been adjusted to be more representative of Salish motifs. I've been gradually learning more about traditional Salish art, which has been very exciting.

Salish Plants (2023) is a collage illustration of plants native to Salish lands. The plants pictured are red cedar, sword ferns, bracken ferns, skunk cabbage, camas, yarrow, salal, chanterelle mushrooms, stinging nettle, nootka roses, highbush cranberries, snowberries, salmonberries, and cattail. I did this illustration for fun and to familiarize myself more with Indigenous plants. I didn't spend much time on the land growing up, so I don't have a good eye for plants, but I do love to learn about them and their uses.

ARTIST BIO

Jordanna George is an artist of mixed T'Sou-ke and Ukrainian ancestry. Originally from Sooke, BC, they now work and live on the unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations in Vancouver, and the k^wik^wəλəm (Kwkwetlem) Nation in Coquitlam, BC. They received a BFA from the University of Victoria in 2019, and since then have primarily been making comics and illustrations, exploring themes of identity, belonging, and hope, and pulling influence from Indigeneity, queerness, and science fiction. They were the curator for the Indigenous comic exhibition *XIÁM* (2024) at Bill Reid Gallery, and have had their work published with Douglas & McIntyre, Native Realities, and Iron Circus, with an upcoming graphic novel *Firewall* from Conundrum Press. Jordanna can be found at jordannageorge.com and on social media as @raebirdart.