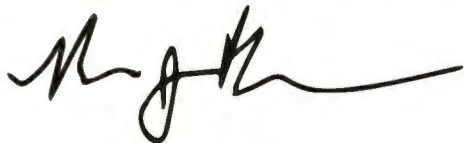


For 80 years, Sketch magazine has been bringing artists

and readers together in Ames and across the Iowa State campus. Whether students are writing, drawing, designing or snapping photographs, their work has always been able to find a published home here in Sketch. But why do artists want to create, want to publish?

Because creation is power. Those who write and publish, give themselves a voice. They capture their experiences, their dreams, anything that comes out of their imagination, and all those possibilities can be shared with anyone. The great American poet, Adrienne Rich wrote, "For writing is renaming." Artists can recreate and reclaim the world as their own with each brush stroke, every time their pens touch the paper or the shutter clicks on their camera. And through their creation, artists connect.

In this issue, there are stories of loss and of second chances, of interesting characters and of unexpected acts. There are images of power and of adventure. There are poems about the everyday, made to be extraordinary. Most importantly, there are artists' creations ready to be connected to readers and viewers. So go forward from here, open to a connection with creation.



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