

Editor's Letter

Our editors as well as readers are all inspired by different ideas and passions in life. As **Sparq** Magazine creates inspiration for readers with interesting stories and guidelines for those looking for new ideas, we would like to share with you what inspires our editors.

Ashley Buziecki
Fashion Editor

Inspiration is different for everyone and that's what makes it amazing. Trying to figure out what to do as a career for the rest of my life has been a journey and now that I've finally found it, it's beautiful. Being able to take my daily inspirations and use them to my advantage in design is the best feeling ever. I love travel, culture and being able to learn about new places and people. Nature, fashion, music, architecture and photography are all things that inspire me. When it comes to design, I think referencing in the world around me is what keeps me going. This lights the flame in me to keep moving in hopefully the right direction.

Rachael Marr
Literature Editor

As a writer I am inspired by historical places. I am constantly trying to convey the truth, and nothing can be more true and complicated than history. If you are writing from a historical perspective you are making the past relevant. This is a power only writers have. Often, the most beautiful stories are ones that have already happened. The best thing about writing from history is that it is accessible everywhere. Taking a tour of your local downtown might be all of the inspiration you need.

Sierra Salvione
Music Editor

All my life I knew art was my escape. It only took six major changes, earning a Bachelors degree, and having a professor scream at me to realize that my escape was my calling. Moving to Chicago was the best thing I've ever done along with enrolling in art school. Don't get me wrong, it's not peaches and rainbows all the time! There are times when I produce shit just like every other designer. To keep myself inspired I listen to music. I'm constantly jammin' out. Dreams are another source too!

Valerie Braglia
Photography Editor

Everyone's inspiration is unique, very similar to architectural pieces and natural formations. Designs to me should be structured well just like a well-planned building. When someone looks a little closer they get a chance to see amazing details and real beauty to the piece. While the uniqueness of nature inspires designs to be specific to each individual client, each design carries over an elegance and strong structure by the designer. Each design that comes up starts off as a problem, it us up to the designer to problem solve and come up with the best solution to create a pleasing design. Sometimes the problem-solving process can be a struggle, but the well-balanced, structured result is worth it.

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