Welcome again to another edition of Community Spotlight! This week's spotlight goes to BlissBunny, a talented young digital artist! Please enjoy her works at her DeviantArt page here, and enjoy her interview below the break!



How long have you been making art?

I've been drawing for as long as I can remember, but I started digitally about 5 years ago now.

How did you learn how to create art?

I'm self taught, so it was a matter of practice and trial and error. It took me quite a long time to learn the intricate workings of different software and to even use my tablet properly, but I kept at it.

What is your creative process? What are the steps you go through when creating art? I always start out with a sketch. I can't get what's in my head on to any canvas until I make some sketches. I find that you can transfer the image that is in your head more accurately if you quickly sketch it down and then slowly refine it. After that I like to experiment and try new methods when I can, mostly different coloring and shading techniques.



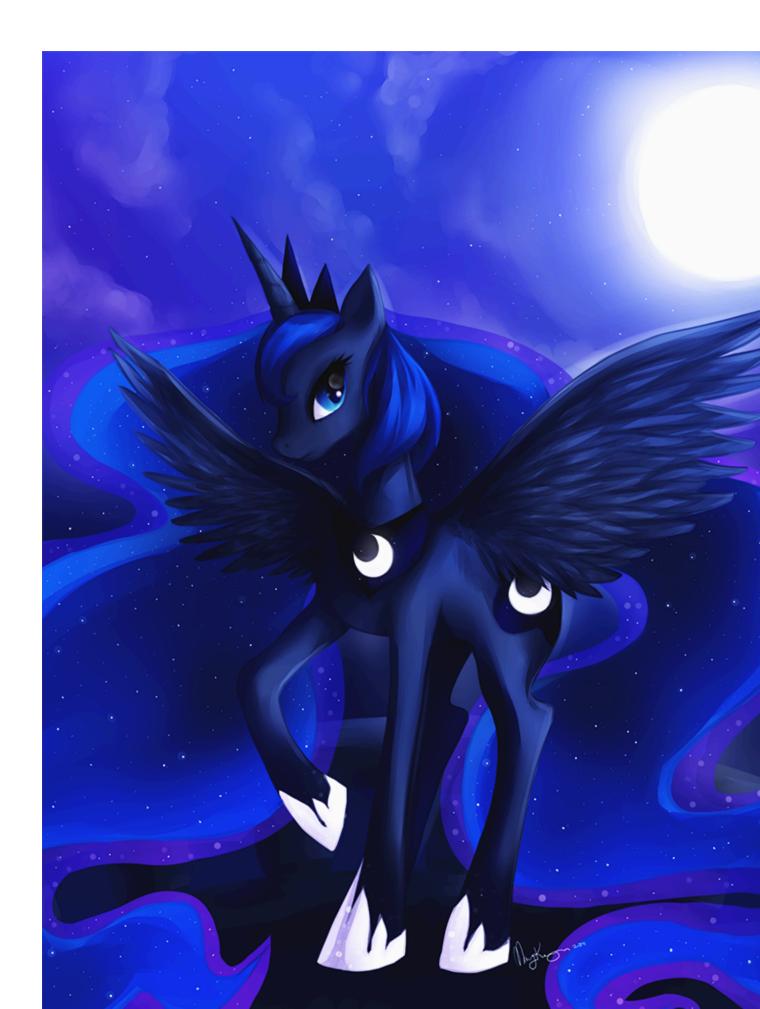
Besides MLP, you seem to pull inspiration from a variety of sources, be it from television, print, or video games. Tell us a bit about your inspirations outside of MLP.

Even back when I was a kid, video games and anime were a huge inspiration to me. I have to say that they were, and still are a massive factor in exploring my creative side. When I'm really interested in something, I have an urge to draw it. I'd have to say that my biggest inspirations outside MLP are Final Fantasy, Touhou and anime series such as Puella Magi Madoka Magica.

How did you get into drawing art about ponies?

It was really just by simply watching the show. The style and different pony designs really caught my eye and I had no choice but to start making art!

Have ponies changed the way you think as an artist (what inspires you about ponies)? Yes, definitely. Whenever I draw ponies, I start to incorporate stories into my work. I haven't done that since I was a child and I think that is a positive change. I can become more connected to my work whenever I draw ponies and its wonderful making little stories about what's happening in my paintings.



How have ponies effected your life in general?

In kind of an... explosive way! It took me a while, but I suddenly really got into the show and got hooked. I started to buy merchandise and shirts and spend my time making art. The people close to me are getting into the show as well, just by being near me, ha-ha!

What else do you do besides art (hobbies, jobs, etc.)? What kind of instruments do you play? And what kinds of crafting do you like to do?

My other hobbies include playing rhythm games like DDR and ITG and I love animals in general, especially rabbits. (I have my own grumpy Angel Bunny!)

I've been trained to play two instruments, Classical Piano and Concert Flute. (I'm not so good at Flute though.)

And as for crafting, I love to sew costumes from shows, games or anime for myself! I'm currently making Rainbow Dash's Shadowbolts Halloween costume to wear to a convention!

What is your dream job?

I'd really love to do something in Animation or Design. I suppose you could say Lauren Faust is my idol, as I want to follow a career path similar to hers and maybe one day, be as much of a creative genius as she is!

Do you have any future projects that you are exited about?

Well in the future... I plan to paint more ponies and I'm excited about that!

What was your favorite project that you worked on?

I don't think I could pick. There are ups and downs for everything that I work on, but I always focus on the positive aspects. So every project is fun to me!

Are you working on anything currently?

I'm currently working on an entry for a certain contest... It's going to take quite a long time but I think it's going to turn out pretty good. So I won't give any spoilers!

What advise would you give new artists?

Draw for yourself and draw what makes you happy. Never give up and always make things fun.



Alright, and that wraps up another edition of Community Spotlight! A reminder, Community Spotlight will be on Monday next week, to observe the Chistmas holiday. Until then, this is Gendid wishing you all a happy, pony filled holiday!