Wesley Hicks Intermedia Artist & Musician

To: Tiffany Ma Visual Arts Director CSArts- SGV Visual Arts Conservatory <u>tiffany.ma@sgv.csarts.net</u> (657)-321-4000

Dear Ms. Ma

I am applying for the drawing fundamentals and 2-D design positions at the CSArts- SGV Visual Arts Conservatory. I am a passionate art maker, academic, and teacher. My teaching philosophy is centered around enthusiasm and curiosity, and I excel at fostering this attitude in students. I love skillsharing and strive to create a collaborative and horizontal classroom environment. I have experience teaching undergraduate students, I have led art classes and developed curriculum for both the academic and practice sides of making art.

I have a well rounded arts education that featured both critical discourse on art making as well as ample experience with many art materials and art making methods. I came from a craftsmanship skills and material focused undergraduate education at Cal State Long Beach and a meaning making and critique focused graduate program at CalArts. I have training with color theory, two dimensional design, drawing, and painting. My art practice is wide-ranging, incorporating many materials and methods, always rich with drawing as a foundation. As an artist, I have a well-developed understanding of the elements and principles of design as well as the theory and practice of drawing and painting. Please take a look at my portfolio and feel free to contact me with any comments or questions that you have.

I look forward to the opportunity to teach at CSArts Visual Arts Conservatory. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Wesley Hicks