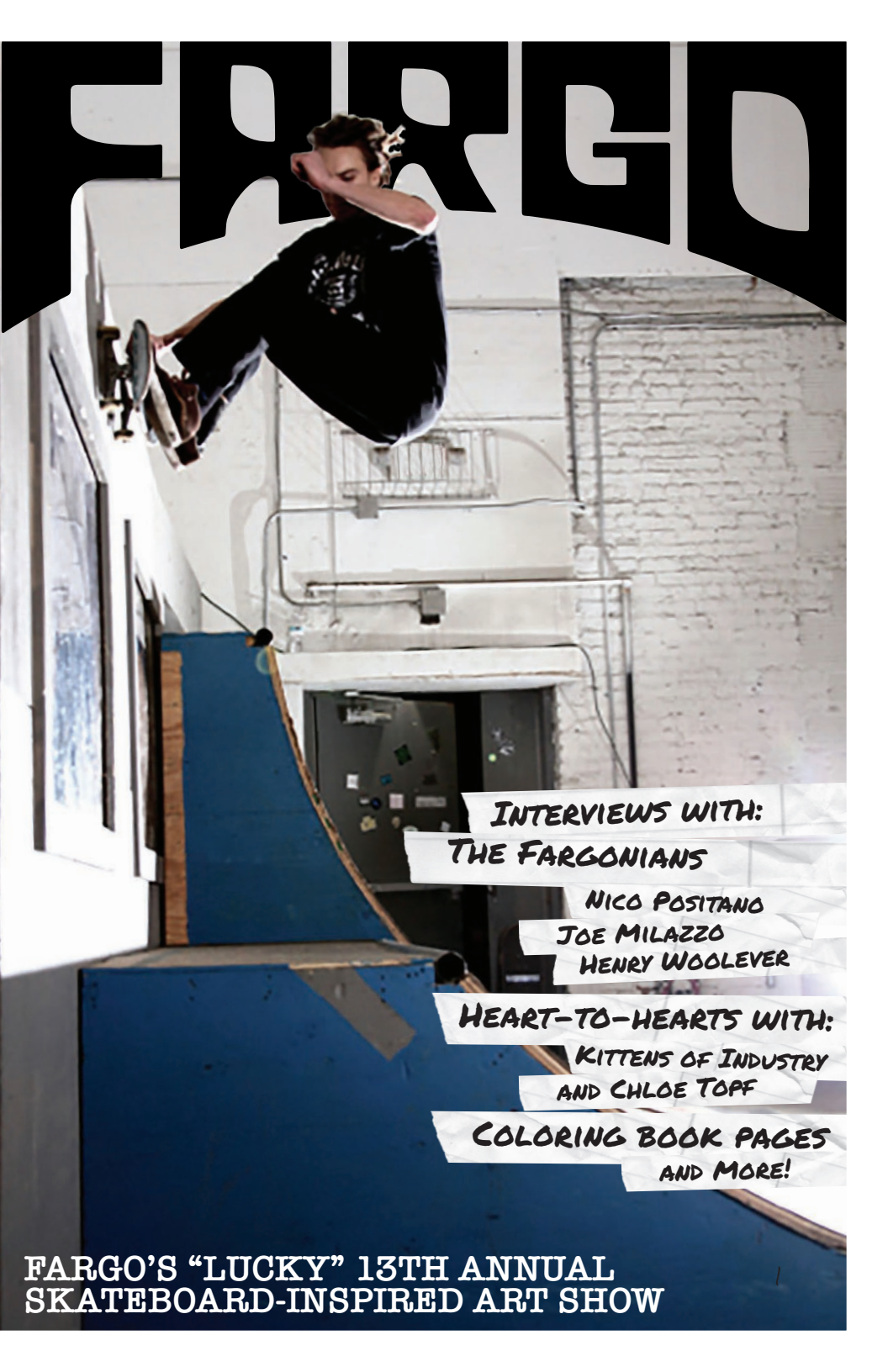




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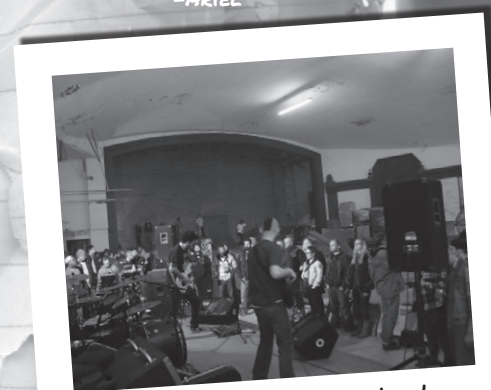
**COLORING BOOK PAGES
AND MORE!**

**FARGO'S "LUCKY" 13TH ANNUAL
SKATEBOARD-INSPIRED ART SHOW**

Something that I think a lot of people can relate to as they get older, is when you look back on your life, it almost feels as though it's multiple lifetimes. You can think of times of your life as different eras. Trying to write about the history

13 years in business and 13 years of having Skateboard Inspired Art Shows. This is deep ya'll this isn't a coincidence. Skateboarding is art, and this art show is how we come together and collaborate as a community to celebrate the art of skateboarding and all the visual and tangible art that influences it and is influenced by it. SO MUCH LOVE goes out to all the people who have made art, bought art, or come out to the art show, YOU make this art show, the skate park, and this community what it is. I love you all and I count my blessings everyday. Thank you for giving me purpose and making me feel like the luckiest girl in the world.

-ARIEL



02/26/2015



02/25/2016



OFFERED AT FARGO:



SPECIAL EVENT SESSIONS

- Ladies Night** The 2nd Sunday of every month 6pm-8pm
(30+) Oldtimers The 2nd Sunday of every month 9am-12pm
Queer Night The last Sunday of every month 6pm-9pm
Beginners Saturdays 10am-12pm

CLASSES (Sign up required)

- Beginners** Mondays 4pm-6pm and Saturdays 9am-10am
Intermediate Tuesdays 4pm-6pm
Advanced Tuesdays 6pm-7pm

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About the FEATURED ARTISTS

“Jaime Torracco, a.k.a. Kittens of Industry, currently lives and arts in DeKalb, IL and is a tattooer at 6 Finger Tattoo in Rockford, IL. She is also an active artist with 317 Art Collective, and a member of world famous experimental musical outfit, BOINGdweeby! Kittens of Industry has been spewing out technicolor cartoons since the Dawn Of Time, and plans to continue illustrating naughty little animals on people, walls, and other surfaces until her hands fall off. Kittens loves animals, nature, rainbows, and all manner of surrealistic subject matter, having cultivated a signature style that has people falling to their knees and going out of their d*mn minds {we swear...} Kittens of Industry is only one person {ok, but I contain multitudes?!} with a vast variety of influences and a love for DIY.

HEY! Check us out!
We have interviews
on pg. 24 too!



Kittens of Industry

Kittens of Industry has worked as a graphic designer, illustrator, and muralist, and has been showing in gallery shows for ten years so far. If you're sick of reality, Kittens of Industry has a funny lil fantasy world, just for you!

Kittens of Industry works mainly in acrylic paints on wood, with the occasional foray into digital art and design. Kittens of Industry loves Fargo Skateboarding, and extends many thanks for this opportunity, even though she can't skate and doesn't want to fall over and crunch her drawing hand...Kittens of Industry doesn't usually speak in the third person.

Thanks for taking time to read about and look at my artwork!”

Follow my art adventures on
instagram: @kittensofindustry



Chloe Topf

“Hello. This is a photo of me. I don't have a huge love for pineapples, but when looking for a photo of myself to put on this page, I found this. You're welcome.

My name is Chloe Topf, I am a student at NIU currently residing in Dekalb. In my growth as an artist and designer, I've come to realize that I like making work that makes people think, makes people interact, and most importantly-- makes people laugh. Basically, I like making things that help my viewer to be present. Atleast for a moment.

I try to work across mediums and look forward to being challenged. I feel I make the best work in some of the most uncomfortable situations that allow me to take risks.

People always ask me what I'm going to do with my design degree

once I graduate, and I've started telling them the truth: 'I want to do something fun.' Working with Fargo has been nothing but that. No matter what Ariel has going on, when I walk in that door, she always smiles and makes me feel like she is genuinely happy to see me.

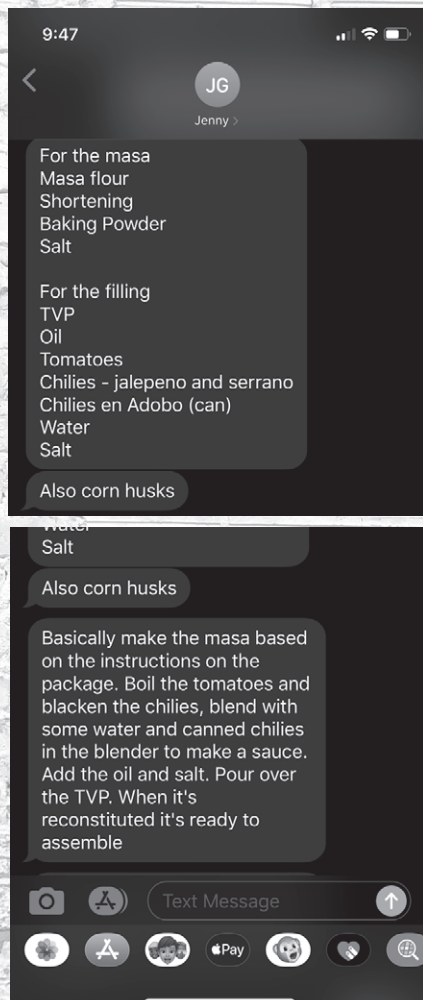
I'm so grateful to have worked with everyone at Fargo in designing this Magazine. It's been really amazing to be surrounded by such a good community of kind, helpful, and generous people. Fargo has a really special energy about it. Everything just always works out the best it could for everyone. I sincerely thank all the old friends, and new, for the time, laughs, and stories they've shared with me. I've loved every minute of it.”

Check out my weird art on
instagram: @c.topf.a.d

JENNY'S FAMOUS

Vegan-tamale Recipe

Jenny's Tamales have been consumed at almost every Art show ever, Art Fargo!!



On Spotify as:
"Fargo's Lucky 13th Art Show"
*OR LISTED HERE FOR
EASY FINDING!

MUSIC FROM THE ART GALLERY:

Lucky Penny - JD McPherson
Bad Luck - Neko Case
Luckiest Man - The Wood Brothers
Luck Be a Lady - Frank Sinatra
Get Lucky - Daft Punk, Nile Rodgers, Pharrell Williams
Good Luck - Broken Bells
Star Sign - Teenage Fanclub
The Luckiest Guy on the Lower East Side - The Magnetic Fields
Lucky Lips - Ruth Brown
Bad Moon Rising - Creedence Clearwater Revival
Bad Luck Charm - Old 97's
Bad Seed Sown - The Bellfuries
Bad Luck - Social Distortion
Raw - White Reaper
You're Dead - Norma Tanega
Roll the Die - Kill Kiyoshi
Four Leaf Clover - The Kooks
Lucky Horse - Movie Star Junkies
Superstition - Stevie Wonder
Four Leaf Clover - Mellowdrone
13 Kinds - The Bones of J.R. Jones
Gamblers Life - Nick 13
The Gambling Priest - Danger Mouse, Daniele Luppi
Beginners Luck - Maribou State
Frying Your Luck - The Strokes
My Lucky #3 - Mat Kerekes
Lucky One - Tim Morello, K. Flay
Luck of Lucien - A Tribe Called Quest
Beginners Luck - King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard
Lucky Girl - Fazerdaze
You Got Lucky - Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers
Twinkle, Twinkle, Lucky Star - Merle Haggard
Good Luck, Kid - Joseph
Lucky Girl - Red Velvet
The Luck You Got - The High Strung
Lucky Ball & Chain - They Might Be Giants

PLAYLIST
PUT TOGETHER
ON SPOTIFY BY:
KITTEENS OF INDUSTRY
WOOOO HOOO!

This just might
be the only
luck-themed
playlist
that you'll ever
listen to!

BANDS PLAYING:

@ Fargo's
"Lucky" Thirteenth Annual
Skateboard-Inspired
Art Show



BOINGdweeby:

Spaced Out, Synthes Up, and Circuit Bent all the way to the moon 'n' back! The new face of the recording industry, streamlined, sleek, trimming (most of) the fat with the record button—of course there's some fat in there—that's the flavor!

BOINGdweeby condenses all the instrument learning, practicing, song-writing, editing, drinking, drug-doing, and dinner-eating into tidy Tuesday night recording sessions.

BOINGdweeby are: Austin, Helen, Chris, Jake, Jaq, and Jaime

Boingdweeby.bandcamp.com
IG: @boingdweeby



Energy Vision:

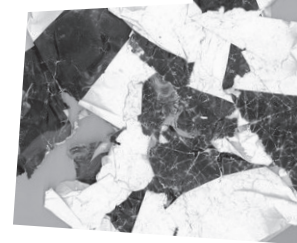
The sound of a pulsating, hallucinogenic swamp. You fall in but shortly there after you're transported to a celestial dance floor of television static and cosmic wonder. The anxiety nearly consumes you before washing it all away with warm, poppy synth licks and crunchy rhythms to lift you to where you need to be.

energyvision.bandcamp.com



The Mondo Tones:

Hungry for classic Rock n' Roll? These three cool cats may look a little mismatched at first glance, but once they get playin', there's no doubt they're tighter than pants on Mick Jagger



Swells:

Swells jigsaws all sorts of samples, seeking to recreate the sounds of your most recent daydream about running down a hill faster than you can pedal your legs. Formerly a studio project, and currently a fluid ensemble of friends in Chicago, IL.

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IG: @ssswellsss

Live music will be held
in the skatepark on
2.29.20!



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theguapsquadgang.bandcamp.com/releases

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With Lens



Without Lens

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@kittensofindustry



KISS ME...



I'M LUCKY!

That Stinks!!!





HEART-TO-HEARTS: w/Kittens of Industry + Chloe Topf

Kittens of Industry (KOI): What is your favorite thing about Dekalb?

Chloe Topf (CT): I think it's so cool to feel and hear the trains roll through town when I'm trying to fall asleep at night.

KOI: Who are your top three visual artists?

CT: I know you said visual, but I am super interested in the performance work done by Marina Abramovic and Chris Burden. The Happenings and Post Modernist movements are where I get most of my inspiration.

KOI: What is your favorite subject matter to draw or design?

CT: I like working with people and textures. Whether that's drawing them, or using photographs of them.

KOI: Do you have any lucky charms or superstitions related either to your skateboarding or your art practice?

CT: I feel like if I can't focus when I'm skating, I'll hurt myself. So sometimes that keeps me from skating. When it comes to art I wouldn't say it's a superstition, but I don't like signing the front of my work.

KOI: What influenced you to go into the art/design field?

CT: My parents kept telling me they wanted me to be a dentist. But I was way more interested in the way my dad could draw. My dad has had these two photo-realistic drawings hanging in his office for as long as I can remember. The older I got, the more I felt like I could do anything if I was an Artist. Design was a bonus. I thought it was just "a way to have a job and support my weird art projects." I didn't know how much I actually loved it until I started the Visual Communications program at NIU.

CT: Have you always lived in Dekalb? If not, where did you grow up?

KOI: I grew up in Carol Stream, but I came to Dekalb for school in 2000, so I kinda feel like I grew up here in some way. I've left and came back a few times. It's my third time living here, I got that curse where you touched the river haha...

CT: How long have you been making artwork for Fargo's Annual Skateboard Inspired Art Show?

KOI: I don't remember the exact first year I sent in art to this show, but I know it was when Fargo was still SMLTWN skate shop on the other side of downtown.

CT: Are you a self taught artist or did you go to art school? What did you study?

KOI: A little from column A, a little from column B. I've been doing art since I was a little kid, practicing my own way through it, but I also have a BFA in illustration from NIU and been to hell a art classes in my life before that. I also had a year long tattooing apprenticeship, and I think I learned a lot about my art in that time as well.

CT: Do you have any superstitions? Or anything that you do for good luck?

KOI: I usually catch the clock at 11:11 twice a day, and I make a wish every time.

CT: I didn't know you were in a band until I was putting together the content for this zine! That's so cool. What instrument(s) do you play? Or do you sing? And are you excited to play at the art show on the 29th?

KOI: Our band started out as friends jamming where many of us would switch off on instruments, so there are songs where I do some tribal type simple drum beats of occasional bass riffs, but I mainly sing and play theremin. I'm not formally trained in anything musical, so it's all and experiment to me.

Dewey Chandler

Front Smith





Schuyler Wells
Tuck Knee



Myk Perez
Indy Grab

Corey Henderson
Front Krok



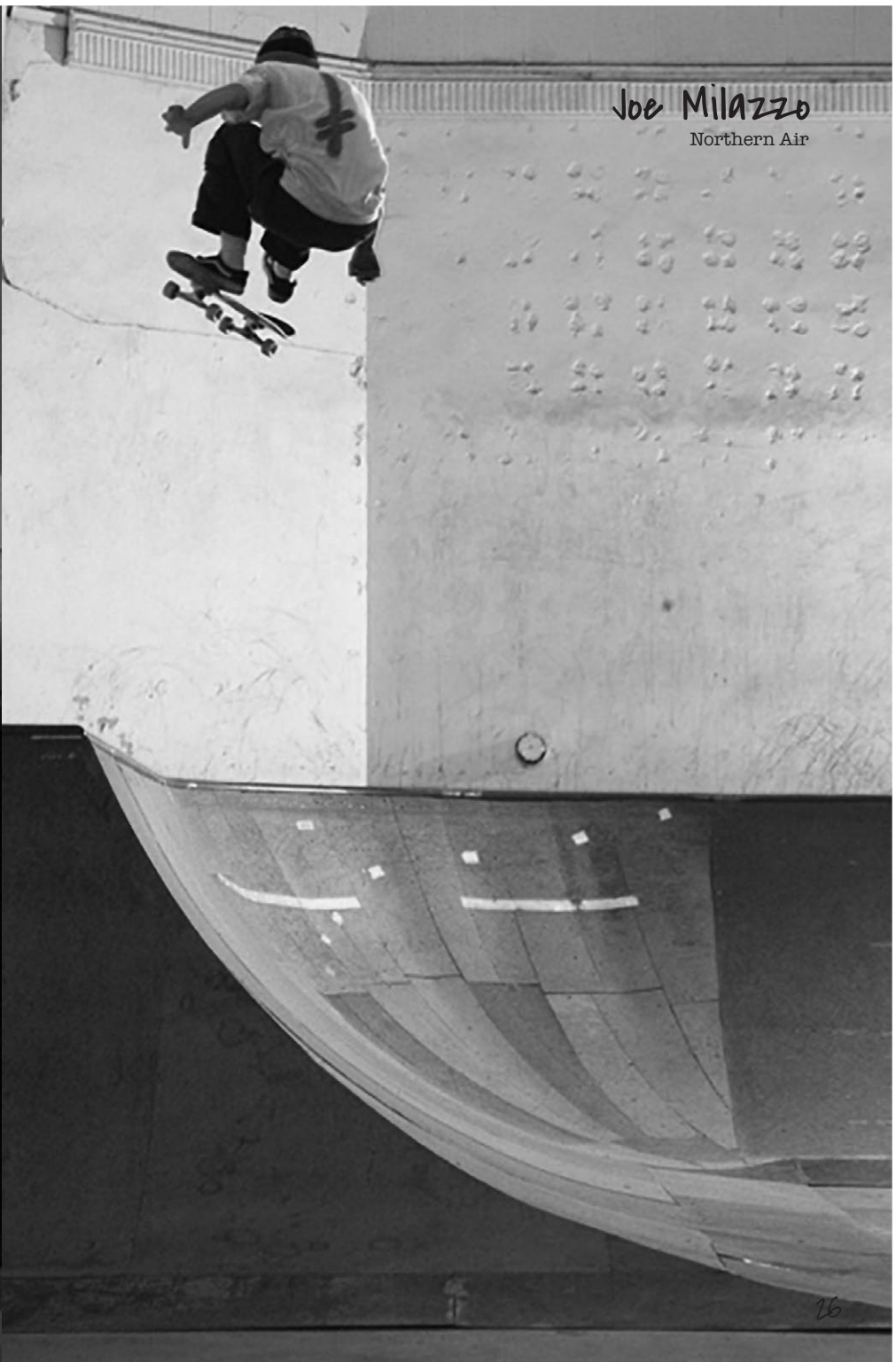
Andre Gutierrez
Front Side Stink Bug



Henry Woolever
Back Side Fast Plant



Joe Milazzo
Northern Air



INTERVIEWS WITH THE FARGONIANS!

CHLOE TORF (CT):

AT WHAT AGE DID YOU START SKATEBOARDING?

Nico Positano (NP):

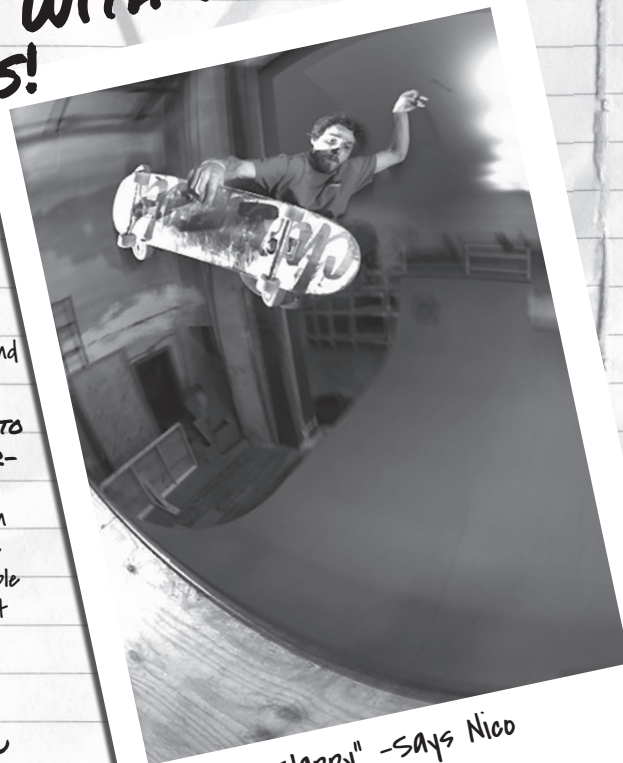
I started skating at age 8 or 9 and I haven't stopped since.

CT: WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME TO FARGO AND WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY HERE?

NP: I started coming to Fargo when it was just like an open warehouse to homies or people that new people that had access to it. And yeah, it was pretty cool.

CT: DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC MOMENT IN YOUR SKATEBOARDING CAREER THAT YOU KNEW YOU WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT DOWN YOUR BOARD AGAIN?

NP: I found my love for skateboarding when I was just hanging out with my friends at night and having, like, late sessions in town and messin' shit up, I don't know.



"Kickflip slappy" -says Nico

CT: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC TO LISTEN TO WHILE YOU SKATE?

NP: If I'm going to skate and listen to music, I'm probably gonna listen to some rock and roll, but I usually like just hearing the sound of the board and everything around me.

CT: WHAT'S THE BEST PLACE YOU'VE TRAVELED TO SKATE?

NP: I would say a really enjoyable place to skate is just down town, in the middle of the street, through the cars and stuff. It's just a really cool feeling.

Instagram: @nicovitopositano

NICO POSITANO

AGE: 24 y/o

HOMETOWN: St. Charles, IL

STANCE: Regular

SPONSORS: Fargo Skateboarding and Print Boys

CT: DO YOU HAVE ANY SUPERSTITIONS WHEN IT COMES TO SKATEBOARDING? AND IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DO FOR GOOD LUCK?

NP: Not really. You don't need much to have a good time on a skateboard. As long as you got the skateboard itself. Homies definitely make it more fun.

CT: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN GOING TO THE ART SHOWS? DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST ONE YOU WENT TO?

I don't think I've been to any other art shows. But I look forward to the one this year.



"I started skating at age 5 or 6 and I haven't stopped since.

I first came out to dekalb when the shop was called SMLTWN, Fargo was just beginning so it was a walk down the street and I remember there was a Halloween Party.

That was the first event that I ever attended.

Yeah, I think I fell in love with skateboarding when I was just a youngin in the driveway, falling left and right,

JOE MILAZZO

AGE: 20 y/o

HOMETOWN: East Dundee, IL

STANCE: Goofy

SPONSORS: Vans,

RVCA Clothing, Creature Skateboards,

OJ Wheels, Mob Griptape,

Bronson Bearings, and

Fargo Skateboarding

Instagram: @milazzo_joe



Back Side Judo

My first art show was the 8th annual art show, and I remember I drew something up for art class. I was still in high school and No one really was backin' it too much and then Henry's mom came up and bought it and gave me the money, and I was like "Whhhaattt." and then we went out to eat.

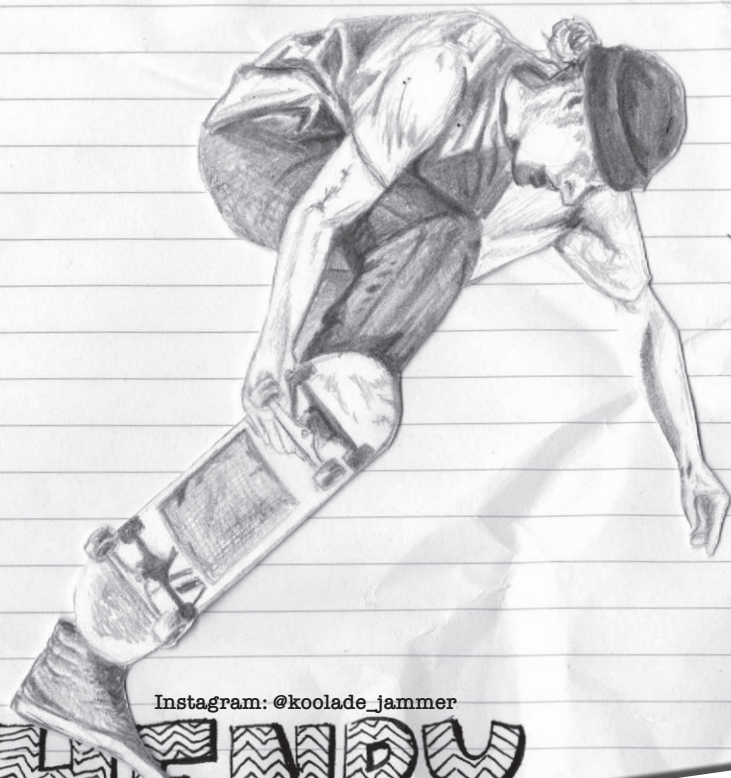
It just kind of funny because it's still in his bathroom and I see it still to this day. But yeah, that was the first art show that I went to, and we all shredded. It was, like, killer session. Really good."

and just, like, gettin dirty, down and dirty, haha. Friends, good times, stayin out late and being able to do whatever you wanted at the skatepark. And Feeling free.

My favorite music to listen to when I skate is Rock and Roll, and nothing but. As loud as you can. Just anything that makes the moment feel right.

I would say my favorite place that I've ever skated is nothing specific city wise, but I would say I like cities with the most terrain, you know, hills, and action, and involves speed.

The couple things that I need when I skate is definitely loud music or just a good group of homies that gets the fire lit.



Instagram: @koolade_jammer

HENRY

WOOLEVER

AGE: 19 y/o

HOMETOWN: Lake in the Hills

STANCE: Goofy

SPONSORS: Vans Shoes,
RVCA Clothing, Stance Socks,
and Fargo Skateboarding

"I started skating at 5 or 6 also and I haven't stopped either.

I started coming to Fargo back when it was SMLTWN too, and I came because I heard about the art shows, and then Ariel introduced me to the skatepark.

I think I found my love for skateboarding when, just like going to the skate park and meeting up with all the friends and skating all the time. I just feel like right away I didn't want to do anything else. Everything else sucked.

I'd say the music I listen to when I'm skateboarding is definitely just like rock and roll loud shit that makes me wanna go fast.

I think my favorite places that I've ever been to skate have probably been, uh, Seattle is really sick. They have so many train parks and street spots. And I was actually lucky enough to get a Barcelona with Corey and that was an amazing experience.

I don't think I have any superstitions when it comes to skateboarding. I just skateboard. Haha.

I was like 13 or some shit. I was really young when I first went to the art show. And I met Ariel that way because I gave her some art to put in it, and we've been friends ever since."



Sweeper



Front Side Lean Air

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Addison

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