

# MEET



# THE ARTISTS

# ABOUT VALEN



Valen Onstine is a two-spirit Dane-Zaa & Cree artist based in Langley, BC. Primarily self-taught, Valen took to art as a means of expression and exploration. Valen has been featured by Vines Art Festival multiple times, on the Ologies Instagram, created chapbook covers for local poets, Kit Tempo and Catherine Garrett and has worked with artist, Jaye Simpson

several times. Valen has lived all around B.C., and feels it connects to his people's history as semi-nomads. Living in the Lower Mainland has been a long-term goal, and relocating has fostered his skill and creativity with the support of his urban Indigenous kin. Valen strives to make indigenous stories, and imagery that juxtaposes intensity and softness.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

📷 Instagram Page @goattprince

📷 Instagram Art @goatfangs

# ABOUT ALINA

Alina Pete is a nêhiyaw artist and writer from Little Pine First Nation in Saskatchewan. They grew up urban but spent summers wandering in the Qu'Appelle Valley with their cousins from Cowessess First Nation. Alina is best known for their Aurora Award-winning comics, but they also write short stories and poems, and their work has been featured in several Indigenous



comic anthologies. They are the creator and editor of the comics anthology, *Indiginerds: Tales from Modern Indigenous Life*. Alina lives on unceded Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen land with their partner.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

📷 Instagram @alinapete\_art

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