

# Leah Cortez



Chicana graphic designer, illustrator, and multimedia artist creating surreal, symbolic, and emotionally charged visual narratives. My work blends digital design, printmaking, motion graphics, and mixed media with themes of identity, spirituality, culture, and dream logic. I specialize in conceptual storytelling rooted in Corpus Christi's creative community, with a visual style that merges gothic influences, Chicana iconography, and poetic surrealism.

## **EDUCATION**

*Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi • 2024-2028*

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design**

*Minor: Studio Art (Printmaking)*

Relevant coursework: Typography, Digital Media, Motion Design, Illustration, Web Design, Printmaking, Design History

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **“Countries Born Out of Color: A Vexillological Art Show”**

*Mary and Jeff Bell Library, TAMUCC • July 10, 2025*

Featured works exploring color symbolism and cultural identity.

### **“Wildlife and Wonder: Coastal Bend Creations”**

*South Texas Botanical Gardens • April 26, 2025*

Displayed mixed-media coastal wildlife artwork.

## **FEATURES & PUBLICITY**

*South Texas Creatives Facebook Group • April 2025*

### **Wildlife & Wonder Exhibit Showcase Post**

Spotlight on selected participating artists.

## **SKILLS**

- Visual Storytelling & Concept Development
- Illustration (Digital & Traditional)
- Typography & Layout Design
- Branding & Visual Identity
- Editorial & Publication Design
- Printmaking
- Motion Graphics
- Photo Editing & Digital Composition
- Web & UI Design
- Video Editing & Compositing

## **SOFTWARE**

- Illustrator
- Photoshop
- InDesign
- After Effects
- Premiere Pro
- Blender
- HTML/CSS/JavaScript
- Procreate