

## **Ashley Mintz, Artist**

Ashley Mintz is a visual artist and songwriter residing in Nashville, Tennessee, where she moved from Las Cruces, New Mexico in 2007. Just a few months after moving, several of her drawings were chosen to be in an art show.

This sparked further interest in visual art.

Since then she has had her art shown in galleries, a boutique, festivals and cafés, all of where she has sold several paintings, prints and postcards. Ashley has also had her art and poetry included in literary and online journals. Aside from that, she has had music instrumentals used in an independent film, a short film, a play and several promotional videos. My greatest artistic influence is Jean Michel Basquiat. His art is unique and colorful. I also like that he adds writing to his work.

Ashley is a student a Tennessee State University, majoring in studio art (focusing on painting) with a minor in music. She has received a Music Technology Certificate and an Associate of Applied Science degree in General Technology with a focus on art and music, both from Nashville State Community College. She completed an internship as a Teaching Assistant for a Summer Art Camp at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville, Tennessee in the summer of 2013. She continues to write music and poetry, paint and draw.