

## **Sarah Bilza Biography**

Born and raised in Rockaway, New Jersey, Sarah Bilza has always had a creative mind. She grew up surrounded by artists; her grandparent's house was completely decorated with Ukranian folk art created by her grandmother, and her mother worked at an art supply store and decorated cakes for a living. While Bilza had been creating art from a young age, she was often following directions on paint-by-number kits purchased from the store her mother worked at. However, her true passion for art was ignited in her middle school years. Marcia LeWand, Bilza's art teacher at the time, inspired her to explore and be adventurous with art, not worrying about the look of the piece, but instead focusing on the process. The frequent trips Bilza's family took to New York City also helped nurture her interest in the arts, as she would often visit the Museum of Modern Art with her friends. In her four years of high school, Bilza took six art classes, and was a member of the school's Art Honors Society, even having some of her work featured in the senior art show at the school. In 2018 she graduated from Morris Hills Highschool and began studying Visual Arts at the County College of Morris, where she plans to complete an Associates in Fine Arts in 2020. After she graduates, Bilza plans to take a short break from schooling to focus on her art, eventually hoping to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Illustration.

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