

Making MARKS: JELF ALUMNI NEWS!

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THESE JELFIES ROCK!

"JELF loans changed everything for me! I am so grateful!"

~ Eliana Coleman



Meet Aaron Shaw, federal government employee by day and modern artist by night.



"We only get one shot at life, so I'm doing something that I'm passionate about and I'm not compromising with it."

~ Aaron Shaw

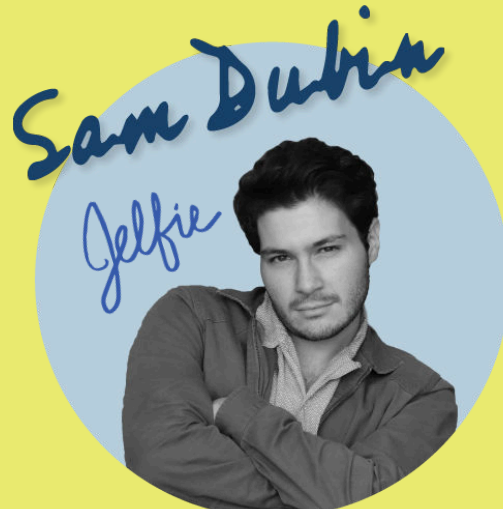
As a self-trained artist, Aaron splits his time between Greenville and Columbia, SC. He is incredibly proud that a lot of his artwork has sold at charitable events, helping many local nonprofits. Working by day with the federal government, Aaron has allowed his passion and love for painting to grow. His subjects vary from showing the tragic beauty in the human body, to the quiet sadness and happiness of the human face. He has also delved into landscapes, abstract expressionism and animals/nature. Most recently he has completed a nature series with hummingbirds, abstract and realism. Additionally, he has also just finished his first mural in Greenville, showcased at Fireforge Brewery.



"SHVESS-fair aka Sisters"

Meet JELFie Sam Dubin. Actor. Writer. Film maker.

"I was born in Atlanta, Georgia to parents who immigrated from Russia. I've loved the arts for as long as I can remember, especially after exhausting all attempts to play sports to no avail! I am a proud graduate of the University of Michigan, with a BFA in acting and a minor in creative writing. I also studied with the Atlantic Theatre Company and the Moscow Art Theatre (MXAT) in Russia and am a proud supporter for mental health advocacy in the arts and beyond."



Sam's short film, The Stream, delves into themes of the American Dream, the financial anxiety of the middle class, the inevitable changes of a family brought about by time, and the love and friction between a father and son. In The Stream, Sam tells the story about a first-generation American son who learns of his Russian immigrant father and reluctantly agrees to one last trip to their beloved family lake house before it's sold due to financial catastrophe.

Check out [@thestreamfilm](#) to learn more and support Sam!

Did you know?



\$20K PRIVATE LOAN
4 YEARS x \$5K = **\$32K**
(INCLUDES \$12K IN INTEREST)

\$20K JELF LOAN
4 YEARS x \$5K = **\$20K**
\$0 IN INTEREST!

JELF RECIPIENTS SAVE AT LEAST **\$12K**

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WHEN A FORMER RECIPIENT GIVES BACK TO *Jelf*, IT TRULY MEANS THE WORLD.



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