



# The Northern Festival of Illustration 2025: Stories of Home

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THE NORTHERN FESTIVAL  
OF ILLUSTRATION 2025

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ILLUSTRATION PRIZE 2025

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STORIES OF HOME

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FREE ENTRY!

THE NORTHERN FESTIVAL OF ILLUSTRATION  
MAKERS MARKET

SEPTEMBER  
SAT. 20TH 2025  
H'POOL THEATRE  
10-4PM

PRINTS ART COMICS





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**STORIES  
OF HOME**



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PRiZE 2025**



**STORiES  
OF HOME**







**JUNG&MiN LEE**

628 Hayworth Ave



**PATRYCJA KUPCZYK**

Essence of  
Yourself



**TAiLi WU** A letter to AMA (Grandma)



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**Illustration Workshops & community sessions.  
– September 2025**





Makers Market – September 2025



**AOI Illustrator Meet Up Event– September 2025**

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