“One way or another, they are weird, and the only pleasure they get is by drawing...

...not all cartoonists are like that, but an extraordinary number of cartoonists are exactly like that.”

— Jules Feiffer
“Cartoonists have weird and subversive attitudes... ...combined with diligence, persistence... ...and the love of craft and storytelling. I started drawing cartoons young... Long before I realized I was a cartoonist.”

—Dan Nott, CCS Class of 2018
"Cartoonists are stubborn explorers of their inner worlds.

Through their careful dissections of what they perceive and how they experiment, presented in breathtaking and unrepeatable semiotic networks, cartoonists reach individuals as individuals."

— Santiago Naranjo, CCS class of 2016
"I DON'T KNOW WHAT CARTOONISTS ARE REALLY LIKE, BEYOND THEIR BOOKS, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW A LOT OF CARTOONISTS PERSONALLY, ALTHOUGH I WANT TO! BUT I DEFINITELY IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO KNOW OR BE LIKE, THE PEOPLE WHO'VE WRITTEN THE COMICS I'VE LOVED. I CARE ABOUT THESE PEOPLE!"

Jona Fox, CCS Class of 2015
"I was born to be a cartoonist, to oppose, to have differences with regimes that do these bad things. This is what I do. And the doctor says I can be drawing again in 10-15 days."

— Syrian cartoonist Ali Ferzat after being beaten and having both of his hands broken.
"The truth is cartoonists are mysterious, inscrutable creatures and couldn’t in all honesty tell you what they are really like." — Jai Gramosky, CCS Class of 2012
"Drawing comics is essential to me, it's what I love and it's what I need to do.

I've always liked working and I don't mind being alone.

I'm not a hermit, I'm a cartoonist."

The writing, the layout, the sketching, the inking and the shading all take a lot of time,

...it's no bother.

--Andy Warner, CCS Class of 2012
"My creative process is messy, frenetic. It is so exciting and joy-filled. It would be hard for me to communicate my thoughts and ideas without sounding flaky, scattered, or cynical without pictures. And thought balloons! - Sandy Bartholomew, CES Class of 2017. Little arrows.
"The improbable, impractical and nonsensical are made logical within the universes that cartoonists are able to conjure up."

—Robbyn Brooke Smith

CCS CLASS OF 2017
“Cartoonists are like me, but can be entirely different from me, and draw entirely different than me. And honestly, that’s the most exciting part of working in this medium.”

—Mary McShane, CCS Class of 2018
Excerpts from the CCS's Application Essay "Cartoonists Are Like That" by Students Past and Present. Jules Feiffer was a visiting artist and his quote is from an article from a 2010 issue of The Atlantic. Ali Farzat has nothing to do with CCS but his quote is as inspiring as hell.

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