Tips for getting started with the Wacom Intuos Pen Tablet

All the DMC graphic stations have Wacom Intuos tablet driver installed.

To have Wacom tablet driver installed on your own computer, go to http://us.wacom.com/en/support/drivers. Scroll down to the middle of page, under Latest Driver for Intuos, select the right platform, Windows or Mac.

- **Getting Started:** To start it up, simply plug the USB side of the included cable into the computer, and the mini-USB into the port on the tablet (opposite the buttons).

  The tablet should be automatically set for right handed people, so the tablet should be set up with the buttons to the left. If this needs to be changed, go to Finder>Applications>System Preferences>Wacom Tablet>Mapping. Here you can change the way the tablet should be oriented. Generally, you want the buttons to be on the side of your non-dominant hand.

- **Play with it!** Both Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop are very tablet-friendly. To start drawing, open a document and choose either the pencil or brush tools and start drawing with the pen on the tablet as if you were using a regular pen and paper. It's a bit awkward at first to get used to watching the screen and drawing on the tablet, but you'll get the hang of it! **The best way to learn is to experiment!**

- **Clicking**: To 'click' you simply lower the pen to the surface of the tablet, essentially poking it. To 'double click', do the same in rapid succession, or press the button further from the pen tip. To 'right click', hover over what you want to click on and press the button closer to the pen tip.

- **Pressure:** To take advantage of the pressure sensitivity of the tablet, you have to use a pressure-enabled brush.

  In Illustrator, you will choose this under the drop down menu of 'Brush Definition' (if you don't know which one it is, hover over each one and its name will pop up; also, you must have the brush tool selected to see these menus). To enable the pressure sensitivity, choose your brush then click the small icon right above the scroll bar (it's tiny!) choose 'Brush Options…' and then next to 'Diameter' choose 'Pressure'. The bigger you make the variation, the more sensitive it will be.

  In Photoshop, to make a brush have pressure, select the brush you want, then click the icon with three small brushes on a file folder. This will pop up a menu that will allow you to change various options of the brushes. Pressure can be enabled by clicking on 'Shape Dynamics' then choosing 'Pen Pressure' as the control for 'Size Jitter'.

- **Buttons**: The tablet should display words next to the buttons. These indicate the function of each button. They can be changed by going to Finder>Applications>System Preferences>Wacom Tablet. By assigning keystrokes to buttons, you can have handy shortcuts right there on the tablet!