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EDUCATION:

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO

Master of Fine Art – Deans List, Summa Cum Laude

Courses: Drawing, Painting, 17c, 19c, Art History, Color Theory

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT

Bachelor of Science – Deans List

Courses: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Photography

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science – Deans List

Courses: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Spatial Concepts, Sculpture

PROFESSORS: Jack Wolsky, Harvey Breverman, Alfred Wunderlich, Sheila Wells, Robert Marx, Fred Lipp

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2010 – Present COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Orlando, FL – Adjunct Art Faculty
Modern Art History ARTS-105, Ancient Art History ARTS-111
- 2005 - Present VALENCIA COLLEGE, Orlando, FL – Adjunct Art Faculty
Drawing I, Design I, Illustration
- 2004 - Present BARRY UNIVERSITY, Orlando, FL – Adjunct Art Faculty
Art Appreciation ART-312
- 2002.2005 FLORIDA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, Orlando, FL – Adjunct Art Faculty
Drawing Beginning, Drawing Advanced, Illustration, Typography, Figure Drawing, Portfolio
- 1996 & Previous VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Orlando, FL – Adjunct Art Faculty
Portfolio I & II, Illustration, Drawing – Effectively communicate in word and physical demonstrations illustration and design techniques. Lead students in the creation of a finished portfolio, and marketing package for the industry including logo, cover letters and resumes. Grade assignments, portfolios and student performance during interview sessions.
- OSCEOLA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, Kissimmee, FL
Figure Drawing – Classes included Disney animators
- MEMORIAL ART GALLERY of The University of Rochester, NY
Wildlife Drawing, Painting
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT, NY
Visiting Artist – slides and originals used to elaborate on the topics of wildlife art, illustration and graduate art programs
- ONTARIO ART CLUB, NY
Drawing, and Printmaking Workshop, lectures and critiques
- UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, NY
Guest Exhibiting Artist – slide lecture and critique of undergraduates' work
- CHILI ART CLUB, NY
Still Life Workshops – in pencil and graphite drawing, chiaroscuro, perspective and spatial concepts, slide lectures, critiques
- PENFIELD ART ASSOCIATION, NY
Oil painting Workshop – explore creative composition, light and color
- NEW YORK STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT ALBION, NY
Visual Study Presentations for the inmates
- IRONDEQUOIT ARTISTS, NY
Watercolor Workshops
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT, NY
Guest Exhibiting Artist – slide lecture and critique of undergraduates' work
- CHURCHVILLE-CHILI SCHOOLS, NY
Substitute Art Teacher – grades nine through twelve

TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

GREECE CENTRAL AND CHURCHVILLE CHILI SCHOOLS Continuing Ed. Programs, NY

Painting and Drawing Instructor – Positions commenced with Beginning Watercolors. I developed the programs and student interest to include both beginning and advanced classes in drawing and painting. Successfully utilized versatile teaching skills to meet the diverse levels and interest of students, particularly in water media. This included transparent watercolor, acrylics, colored pencils and inks. Curriculum included traditional and experimental techniques, color theory, design, art history, beginning and advanced problem solving.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT, NY

Photographic Lab Assistant (undergraduate work study) – Position responsibilities included instructing students in black and white developing, solarizing, dodging, burning in, superimposing negatives, use of beseler enlargers, contact printer, dryer, mounting machine, maintenance of equipment, chemicals and inventory.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

FL & NY

FINE ART, ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN

Illustration and Design of Theme Parks, Worldwide. Painting commissions, murals, exhibitions, intense study and extensive artworks depicting portraits, figure and landscape. Editorial and advertising illustration including books, magazine covers, catalogs, brochures, logos, architectural rendering, trade show displays, slide presentations, and movie poster illustration. Use of Corel Draw computer program and Canon Color laser to design brochures, posters, logos, and book illustration. Versatility in acrylic, oil, watercolor, pencil, ink and airbrush medias.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS:

- UNITED STATES SENATE ROTUNDA CAUCUS ROOM, Washington, DC
- FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION
- ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE, North Chili, NY
- HOUSE OF HOPE, Orlando, FL
- EDGEWOOD CHILDREN'S RANCH, Orlando, FL
- NUMEROUS CHURCHES INCLUDING: Southern Baptist, Wesleyan, Free Methodist, Assembly of God, Community Churches, Church of the Nazarene

TELEVISION SET DESIGN:

- ▲ SET DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND SPECIAL EFFECTS PAINTING FOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ TALK SHOW. The French Café set features the "Lessord Gallery" window that exhibits original paintings by the artist that are used as a back drop when rolling the credits.
- ▲ SET DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND SPECIAL EFFECTS PAINTING FOR DISASTER AWARENESS TALK SHOW. Set features a living room setting that appears to have just gone through a hurricane or disaster.

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION:

HADLEY HOUSE.com (Licensing), BENTLEY HOUSE FINE ART PUBLISHING, ART LICENSING PARTNERS, RHAPSODY, YOUNG INC., MASTERPIECES, AMAZING ART IMAGES. Licensed products include prints, gift bags, stationary, refrigerator magnets, note cards, puzzles and figurines.

FREELANCE CLIENTS:

WALT DISNEY WORLD, RICHARD CRANE PRODUCTIONS, RANDOM HOUSE, WESTERN PUBLISHING, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, TROLL, SCHOLASTIC, HOT WHEELS, CENTURY 21, AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, NOTHNAGLE, NAVALIS CO., MARTIN MARIETTA, AVIONICS, IBM, ROCHESTER BUSINESS MAGAZINE, NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS COUNCIL, ROCHESTER RETAILERS ASSOICATION, PRB DESIGN, UNICORN INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CARS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CTM, BERG PRODUCTIONS, SPORTING DOG SPECIALTIES, TRACK 'N TRAIL SPORT SHOPS, PRESENTATIONS SOUTH AND MANY OTHERS.

PUBLICATIONS, SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- “FACIAL EXPRESSIONS” book by national animator & storyboard artist Mark Simon – portraits
- “ART CALENDAR” cover art and feature article
- “INFORM ART MAGAZINE”
- “AMAZING ART IMAGES” International Catalog – prints
- “PINNACLE” HALF HOUR NATIONAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW with guest host Kathleen Jackson
- WTLN RADIO INTERVIEW, Orlando, FL
- HOLIDAY HOME TOUR, Celebration, FL – wall murals, prints and paintings featured
- “THE CRUCIFIXION” FEATURED ON THE COVER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION “THE MANY FACES OF CHRIST.” Cover art and center spread art. Biblical artwork from museums and private collections around the world including such masters as Rembrandt, Caravaggio, El Greco and Delacroix. Introduction written by Pope John II.
- WILDLIFE ART NEWS, CREATE MAGAZINE, ARTTRENDS, ARTQUEST, DÉCOR, R.I.T. THE UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, SUNY BROCKPORT COLLEGE KALEIDOSCOPE MAGAZINE
- INTERNATIONAL MASTERS PUBLISHERS
- SILVER SPRINGS WILDLIFE EXHIBITION – Invitational Juror
- DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET – Fund-raising Exhibition
- WHO’S WHO WORLDWIDE – Business and Fine Art
- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – Commission, Florida Sea Grant poster
- FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION – Featured Artist, Print Artist
- WILDLIFE ART NEWS – 1988-89 International Artist Profile Yearbook
- MEMORIAL ART GALLERY – Juror’s Award, Drawing
- NATIONAL WILDLIFE EXHIBITION – Watercolor Award
- NAZARETH COLLEGE – Eve Staudenmeir Award, Oil
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION – Print Artist
- PM MAGAZINE – Featured Commissioned Ceiling Mural, Morgan-Manning House in Brockport, NY
- TORONTO’S PRESTIGE GALLERY – International Invitational Wildlife Exhibition
- ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – Grand Prize, Watercolor
- MORNING BREAK – Television Interview
- WWWG SOUND OFF – Radio Interview
- NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC PORTFOLIO AWARD – Scholarship to Rochester Institute of Technology, four Blue Ribbons

ONE MAN EXHIBITIONS:

- HOLIDAY HOME TOUR, Celebration, FL
- INSPIRATIONAL LIVING FINE ART GALLERY, Orlando, FL
- ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART, Artist of the Month – Wildlife and Landscape
- FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION, Orlando, FL
- THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, NY
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Rochester, NY
- WESTERN MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Brockport, NY
- CLIFFSIDE GALLERY, Pittsford, NY
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT, Brockport, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- NAN MILLER GALLERY, Rochester, NY
- VERANDA PARK MetroWest, Orlando, FL
- WINTER PARK FESTIVAL, FL – Animal Art
- VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Orlando, FL – Faculty Exhibition
- INSPIRATIONAL LIVING FINE ART GALLERY, Orlando, FL
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORLANDO “PORTRAITS OF GRACE”
- FREDLUND GALLERY, Orlando, FL
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- THE SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS, New York, NY – International Invitational “PREVAILING HUMAN SPIRIT” fundraiser for 9/11, Society of Illustrators Museum
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ORLANDO “PORTRAITS FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST”
- ST. VINCENT COLLEGE, Latrobe, PA – National Juried Exhibition of Biblical Art

GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONTINUED:

- UNITED STATE SENATE ROTUNDA, Washington, DC – International Invitational
- JESUS 2000 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, Belleville, IL – Invitational
- ORLAND CITY HALL TERRACE GARDEN, Orlando, FL – Juried Competition
- UNITED STATES SENATE ROTUNDA, Washington, DC – International Invitational
- VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE East Campus, Orlando, FL – First Faculty Invitational
- MAITLAND ARTS FESTIVAL, Maitland, FL – National Juried Exhibition
- ORLANDO ARTISTS BIENNIAL, Orlando, FL – Invitational Exhibition, City Hall
- SUN BANK, Orlando, FL – Invitational Wildlife Exhibition
- ATLANTIC FLYWAY GALLERY, Orlando, FL – Wildlife Artists
- A FINAL TOUCH INTERIORS, Orlando, FL
- PRESTIGE GALLERY, Ontario Canada – International Invitational, Wildlife Artists
- THE WILDLIFE GALLERY, Orlando, FL
- NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION, Raleigh, NC – National Exhibition
- FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION, Ft. Lauderdale, FL – Invitational National Art Auction
- NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, Avon, NY
- GOLDEN LYNX GALLERY, Rochester, NY – Group Exhibition, Wildlife Artists
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT – Invitational Retrospective
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, Washington, DC
- WWXI PUBLIC TELEVISION, Rochester, NY
- NATIONAL SACRED ARTS V EXHIBITION, Wheaton, IL – Juried Exhibition
- ARTIST SHOWCASE, Penfield, NY
- NAZARETH COLLEGE, Rochester, NY – Juried Exhibition
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT – Invitational Exhibition
- MEMORIAL ART GALLERY, Rochester, NY – Juried Exhibition
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CORPORATE AND OTHER COLLECTIONS:

ALTIERS, ANTONELLI FIRESTONE, ARTS FOR GREATER ROCHESTER, CHURCHVILLE CHILI ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDRATION, GANNETT NEWSPAPERS, HOUSE OF HOPE, IBM, IMPCO, MARTIN MARIETTA, MONROE LITHO, MY OFFICE RESTAURANT, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, NAVALIS COMPANY, NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS COUNCIL, NEW YORK SATE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, NOTHNAGLE GALLERY OF HOMES, PEARCE MEMORIAL CHURCH, PETER J. SCHMITT COMPANY INC., PILOT AIR FREIGHT, PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION WXXI, ROCHESTER BUSINESS MAGAZINE, ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROCHESTER RETAILERS ASSOCIATION, SENATOR ROGER AND DEE JEPSEN, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BROCKPORT, STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA, UNICORN INTERNATIONAL MOTOR CARS, UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION, VITCOCH INTERIORS, WALTON ADVERTISING, WESTERN MONROE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WVOR RADIO STATION, WWWG RADIO STATION, ARTWORKS IN PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

CORPORATE ILLUSTRATION AND DESIGN PROJECTS:

PACE PRODUCTS, Orlando, FL

Research and develop new product lines for children's books, posters, puzzles and educational kits. Traditional medias, Corel Draw PC program and color laser designer.

PRB DESIGN, Orlando, FL

Responsible for coordinating production of mechanicals, illustration, and scheduling for client advertising campaigns, brochures, magazines, logo design, product literature and pop displays. Interface with vendors, company representatives, freelance illustrators and designers

MARTIN MARIETTA (NOW LOCKHEED MARTIN), Orlando, FL

Prepare complex design illustrations and promotional art. Logos, architectural vehicle rendering, cartoons and caricatures. Responsible for coordination of visual aid and proposal art. Interface directly with engineers and editors to determine specific design needs. Trade show display material, brochures, posters, slide presentations and exhibits. Classified and Secret Clearance.