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VISUAL ARTIST & ARTS EDUCATOR
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Education and Certifications

2004
Bachelor of Secondary Education
University of Alberta

1997
Graphic Design and Visual Merchandising
Grant MacEwan College

Mentorship

2019
Faith and Wellness Professional Development
*led teachers in Elk Island Catholic School district
in meditative painting session at Archbishop
Jordan High School*

NextFest
*mentor to muralists TrashCollective, assisted in
designing and logistics for mural at Flirt Cupcakes*

2014
NextFest
*mentor to visual artist Borys Tarasenko, assisted
in designing, painting public mural for Roxy
Theatre*

Visual & Performing Arts Teaching Experience

ART INSTRUCTOR
*Facilitated pottery, printmaking, water-colour,
acrylic painting, basic drawing and anime
cartooning.
Filmmaking, hip-hop dance at Festival Place.*

2020 - present
Art with Alex On-Line Art Classes for Kids

1998 - 2020
Smeltzer House Visual Arts Center, Sherwood
Park

2009 - 2020
City Arts Center, Edmonton

2015 - 2020
Gallery@501, Sherwood Park

2014 - 2016
Festival Place Sherwood Park

Selected Exhibitions

2019
Vignettes & MinBID Get Wet
displayed series of figure and anthropomorphic paintings

2018
Five Artists One Love Take a Knee, Art Gallery of Alberta
acrylic painting 'Unlike an Eagle'

2017
Rust Magic Mural, Ten Thousand Villages mural
'It Takes A Village' featuring Polar and Brooklyn mural

2016
Brewery District Business Block, solo exhibit, Oliver Dental Clinic
mixed media figure studies and anthropomorphic paintings

2016
The Walls Have Eyes, Mercer Building, Edmonton
duo art show featuring works by Trevor Peter

2014
Woodland Creatures, solo exhibit, Muttart Conservatory
mixed media elk and deer paintings

2012
Sequence & Sensibility, Gilbert Bouchard Memorial Art Show
Vision of Comics, Happy Harbour Comics
series of comic book inspired watercolor illustrations

Live Painting Events

2020
Culture Canvas, Toast Culture Restaurant, Edmonton
acrylic painting of Jasper Ave in 1920's

2019
Live Paint Alberta Beer Festival, RE/MAX field
acrylic painting of anthropomorphic characters riding bicycle

2019
The Works Festival with MinBID, Parliament Grounds
mixed media figure study painting

2019
Street Dreams: Rust Magic Fundraiser, Epcor Tower
acrylic abstraction painting of city skyline

2018
Cinco de MinBID Live Paint Battle, Edmonton City Center
mixed media anthropomorphic characters in Vegas casino

Press

2019
Rust Magic Panel Discussion at Art Gallery of Alberta, discussions of public art moderated by Fish Griwkowsky

2018
Global TV spot morning show promoting City Arts Centre children's art classes

2016
Yegpeople.com promotion of 'The Walls Have Eyes' duo exhibition with Trevor Peters

2014
Edmonton Journal, NextFest mentorship collaborative mural article

Awards

2018
First Place, MinBID Vignettes Painting Battle Edmonton City Center

2014
People's Choice Award, Art Object de Sport, acrylic painting of Gordie Howe, Gallery@501 Sherwood Park

2014
People's Choice Award Toy Guns Gallery, live mural painting, Edmonton

Commissions

2020
Alberta Industrial Heartland Annual Stakeholder Meet, Stantec Tower, acrylic painting of city skyline

2020
Modern Vision Movements, Camrose
mixed media painting of judo practitioners

2016
Kamikaze Punishment Athletics, Edmonton
acrylic painting for Spartan Race Canada

2016
Graffiti mural at Our Lady of Mount Pleasant gymnasium, Camrose

2015
Graffiti mural at St. Mary's School cafeteria, Vegreville

Volunteer

2017 - present
Leftovers Food Rescue - Edmonton
Food pickup and delivery to service agencies

2019 - present
Grovenor Community League - Edmonton
Executive Board - Member at large
Neighborhood Watch and newsletter illustrator

July 2018
Art Walk Old Strathcona - Edmonton
Traffic controller and operations assistant

Donated Works

2019
Landscape acrylic painting for Operation Esperanza Annual Fundraiser

2017
Figure study painting for Operation Esperanza Annual Fundraiser

2016
Muhammad Ali acrylic painting for MS Fundraiser Kamikaze Punishment Athletics

References

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