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Self Employed Freelance Artist

1991 - Present Combining disciplines of:

- fine art, working with galleries across the country
- written and visual development of characters and story through screenwriting and children's books
- wide range of representational styles and media for illustration.

Education

2014 Graduated summa cum laude
Master of Fine Arts - Illustration and Screenwriting
Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California

1987 Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Kansas City Art Institute,
Kansas City, Missouri

1983-1985 Minneapolis College of Art and Design,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Selected Awards

2013 Finalist - Figure Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

2006 Honorable Mention, Salon International,
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

2005 Finalist Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

2004 2nd Place, Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

2003 Juror's Choice Award, Art at the Center, Annual Juried Exhibition
Overland Park Arts Commission, Overland Park, Kansas

2003 Awarded Signature Status in Oil Painters of America

2002 Best of Show, Associated Artists of the San Luis Valley 18th Annual Juried Show
Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado

2002 "Mineral County Sky" Work Selected for limited edition print,
Creede, Colorado as the 2002 Creede Repertory Theatre Poster

2001 Finalist / Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine 2001 Annual Art Competition

2000 First Place Associated Artists Annual Juried Show, Alamosa, Colorado

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2013** *Chance Encounters* with Andoni Canela, Firedworks Gallery, Alamosa, Colorado
- 2006** *Portals to Nature*, The Peterson-Cody Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2004** *Introducing: Rita Roberts*, Peterson Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2003** *Cloud Performances*, Creede Repertory Theatre Gallery, Creede Colorado
- 2002** *New Work*, Highland Art Center, Weaverville, California

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2013** **Salon International**,
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2012** Oil Painters of America Western Regional Juried Exhibition
Gallery 1261, Denver, Colorado
- 2012** Salon International,
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2009-2012** Annual Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California
- 2006** Salon International,
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2005** Salon International,
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2005** Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition
Hilligoss Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
- 2005** Colorado Governor's Invitational Show and Sale
Loveland Art Museum, Loveland, Colorado
- 2005** Emerging Artists Show - Sponsored by
Art & Antiques Magazine, Scottsdale, Arizona
- 2004** Women Artists of the West, 1904-2004
Invitational - Eric Firestone Gallery, Tucson, Arizona
- 2004** Women, Wine and Roses - Invitational, Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, California

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

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- 2003** Summertime - Invitational
Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, California
- 2003** Oil Painters of America
West/Southwest Mountain Regional Exhibition of Traditional Oils,
Waterhouse Gallery, Santa Barbara, California
- 2003** Oil Painters of America 12th Annual National Juried Exhibition,
Nichol's Taos Fine Art Gallery, Taos, New Mexico
- 2002** Oil Painters of America 11th Annual National Juried Exhibition,
Hilligoss Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
- 2002** Salon International 2002
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2001** Arts for the Parks Top 200
Art West Gallery, Jackson, Wyoming
- 2001** OPA's Western Regional Exhibition of Traditional Oils,
Springville Art Museum Springville, Utah
- 2001** 10th Annual Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Zantman Galleries, Palm Desert, California

Publications

- July 2006** *American Art Collector*, "Dramatic Light & Western Skies"
- Aug./Sept. 2005** *Focus Santa Fe*, "Contemporary Artists, Legendary Art"
- December 2004** *The Artist's Magazine*, "Winners' Article"
- October 2004** *Southwest Art*, "Stormy Weather"

Current Gallery Representation

Gallery at the Windsor, Del Norte, Colorado

Firedworkds Gallery, Alamosa, Colorado

Employment 1987 - 1991

Illustrator and Art Director for Miner Container, Inc. Lenexa, Kansas. Clients included Wendy's, Wal-mart, Kansas City Chiefs Football, Royals Baseball, University of Kansas.