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BIOGRAPHY

I have over thirty years' professional experience as a graphic designer, scenic artist and set decorator for a variety of positions from Walt Disney World to The Tonight Show. I've designed for the popular TV shows as and American Idol to name a few. I have worked as a Scenic Artist/Illustrator for TV, Film and Theater. I did extensive set decorating on Theatrical and TV/Commercial productions. My public artworks have been featured on over a hundred buildings in Northern California.

EDUCATION

- Art Center College of Design Professional Program
Design (Graphic, Textile/Pattern, Character, Product):
- Otis College of Art & Design Continuing Studies
Children's Book Design, Textile & Illustration
- University of Georgia Bachelor of Fine Arts
Illustration & Fine Art Painting
- UGA Art Studies Abroad Program, Cortona, Italy
- Atlanta College of Art, Art Program in Drawing, Painting and Photography
- Art Institute of Atlanta, Art Scholarship Program in Graphic Design
- Bob Gerbracht Master Portraiture Apprenticeship: Portrait and Landscape Painting

MEMBERSHIPS

- Art Directors Guild: Graphic Artist, Scenic Artist, IATSE Local 800
- Motion Set Painters & Sign-Writers Association, IATSE Local 729
- Theatrical Stage and Moving Picture Artists & Allied Crafts, IATSE Local 477

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Freelance

1988 – Present

- Criminal Minds - Lead Scenic, Stylist & Designer for Show featuring Russian graffiti, LA, CA
- Colony Theatre - Lead Illustrator for *Ladies of the Camellias*, LA, CA
- San Diego Theater - Painted 4 back drops (skies, landscape, cityscape) for *Desert Song*, LA, CA
- Piccadilly Family Circus - Painted set for circus production, Berkeley, CA
- Children's Musical Theatre San Jose – Lead Illustrator for *Will Rogers Follies*, San Jose, CA
- Shakespeare Santa Cruz – Painted tapestry for *Rape of Tamar*, Illustrator for *King Lear*, *The Tempest*, *The Dresser*, Santa Cruz, CA
- Theatreworks – Lead Illustrator for *Jar the Floor*, Palo Alto, CA
- Satori, LTD - Lead Illustrator for *The Student Prince* and *The Gondoliers*, Atlanta, GA
- Sharon Braunstein & Associates for Universal Studios Walt Disney - Created props and sets for a diorama, Atlanta, GA

Staff Positions

Charge Scenic Artist, Sculptor & Set Decorator

1992 - 1996

San Jose Repertory Theatre, San Jose, California

- Project managed, coordinated, and organized the painting of sets for eighteen large-scale theatrical productions, including *On the Verge*, *Lonely Planet*, *La Pasada Magica*, *Redwood Curtain* and *The Seagull*

- Provided managerial guidance and assistance to artists concerning creative concepts, and painting techniques and applications as well as set prop making and decorating
- Maintained excellent communication with the Set Designer, Technical Director, Production Manager and Artistic Director
- Prepared and maintained records related to equipment inventory, purchases and production including accounting and reconciling balance sheets

Scenic Artist & Sculptor 1990 - 1992
Alliance Theatre Company, Atlanta, Georgia

- Created and managed projects for theatrical scenery for twenty-four large scale and six small-scale productions, including *A Christmas Carol*, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *A Man for All Season's*, *Wenceslas Square*, *Wind in the Willows* and *Aint' Misbehavin'*.
- Utilized advanced painting techniques, such as marbleizing, portraiture, sponging and spattering
- Sculpted figures, landscapes, and objects such as three 20-foot by 30-foot African masks

Charge Scenic Artist & Stylist Summers, 1990 - 1991
Satori LTD, Atlanta, Georgia

- Managed, organized and coordinated large-scale theatrical productions
- Managed schedules and budgets for a crew of 25

FILM, COMMERCIAL AND TELEVISION EXPERIENCE 1992 – Present

- Graphic Designer for CBS Television Position - Design Banners, Book Covers, Brochures, CD, DVD, Album Covers, Greeting Cards, Logo's, Magazines, Menu's, Signs for TV Shows: James Corden Late Late Show, Dancing with the Stars, Dancing with the Stars Athletes, The Young and the Restless, The Bold and the Beautiful, Survivor, Walking Dead, Talking Dead, Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, New American Idol, The Carol Burnett 50th Anniversary Show, Let's Make a Deal, So You Think You Can Dance.
- Graphic Designer for KTLA News Station - Designed Online Ads for TV Shows, Signs, Brochures, etc.
- Graphic Designer for Netflix Show Santa Clarita Diet - Designed Book Covers, Banners, Posters, etc.
- Scenic Artist for ABC, CBS and NBC
 - CBS: Painted sets for *Price is Right*, *Survivor Guatemala*, *The Tyra Banks Show*, *Rock Star*, *American Idol*, *Dancing with Stars*, *Late Night with Jimmy Kimmel*
 - NBC: Painted sets for *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Ellen*
 - ABC: Painted sets for *General Hospital*
- Scenic Artist on the films: *The Island*, *Click*, *James & the Giant Peach*
- Scenic Artist with Mural Makers for Disneyland's Refresh for 50th Anniversary & Disney's California Adventure Park, Anaheim, CA
 - Disneyland Railroad Main Street USA (Painted wood grain in train station)
 - Jungle Cruise (Painted hippo's, gazelles, natives and exotic birds)
 - Critter Country, Winnie the Pooh and friends (Painted honey pots, honey, giant tree)
 - Bengal Barbeque (Various faux finishes, leathers, metal and bamboo)
 - A Bug's Land (Painted bugs)
- Scenic Artist for *Black Entertainment Awards*, *Becker*, *Emmy's*, *Regis and Kelly*, *Veteran's Tribute*, *American Music Awards*, LA, CA
- Charge Scenic Artist & Set Stylist for Honda Commercial, LA, CA
- Apple Computer, Microsoft, Oracle, Sun Microsystems, Discovery Toys, Sesame Street, Reebok, and Johnson & Johnson - Painted and designed graphics for trade show and event backdrops, sets and signs, SF, CA
- Scenic Artist and Set Decorator for the films: *The Nightman*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*
- MSNBC - Designed & painted the television studio set and a mural on the floor, SF, CA
- The B-52 Rock Band - Scenic Artist for backdrops and stage design, SF, CA
- The U-2 Rock Band - Sculptor for life-sized East German Trabaunt car, SF, CA

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Pattern & Product Designer & Illustrator 2014 to Present
Eza Studios Inc., Los Angeles, CA

- Pattern & Textile Design for Apparel, Baby & Kids, Garden, Home Accessories & Decor, Bedding & Bath, Kitchen Textiles, Party ware, Tabletop, Stationery

Graphic Designer & Illustrator 2014 to Present
Education Art Store, Los Angeles, CA

- Designed banners and posters for California School Districts for Health and Nutrition

Hewlett-Packard Company, San Jose, CA

- Managed and maintained twenty internal marketing/sales web sites
- Designed/Redesigned/Maintained web sites
- Worked to discover to fully understand the end-user's needs, objectives, and information architecture throughout the project design
- Developed collateral material with Quark for marketing team
- High aesthetic sensibilities
- Team player with a track record demonstrating the ability to work as a member of several cross-functional groups
- Excellent communication skills with ability to present design concepts to team
- Managed the Literature Publishing process for the group
- Project managed the scheduling, content and design of a Somersault for R/3 CD multimedia project. Wrote news articles for Online Computer Story and HP Support News Article
- Designed graphics and logos for marketing promotions
- Designed presentations featuring animation and sound
- Edited sales publications, customer manuals
- Edited, designed and published the marketing team's newsletter and brochures
- Worked with team to effectively prepare, distribute and manage information

Budweiser, Athens, GA

- Designed logo by superimposing the face of a bulldog into the state of Georgia for Budweiser line of products

PUBLIC ART

2002 - Present

- Compton Unified School District
 - Mid project. Painted 12 murals promoting eating more fruits and veggies to students. Schools painted thus far: Bunche, Bursch, Emerson, Foster, Jefferson, Lincoln, McKinley & Roosevelt.
- Anaheim City School District
 - Patrick Henry Elementary School – Designed and painted a mural showing healthy habits and choices for children
- Orange County Health Care Agency
 - Taught teens banner-making for the Alcohol and Drug Education Prevention Team
 - Worked with student winner of the banner-making contest creating a logo. Created a graphic logo for t-shirts, cups, etc.... for the students
- Capistrano Unified School District
 - Las Palmas Elementary School– Painted a huge mural depicting the historical school, their logo, children playing and Dr. Seuss-like large vegetables and fruit trees
 - San Juan Elementary School– Created a beach scene mural showing people and children exercising and eating healthy foods
- Los Angeles Unified School District
 - McAlister School for Pregnant Teens– Taught art class with pregnant teens; designed and painted mural depicting making healthy choices as teen mothers
- Santa Ana Unified School District, Food 4 Thought Program
 - Lincoln Elementary School
- LA's Best After School Enrichment Program, Los Angeles Unified School District
 - Loreto Elementary School - My "We Create a Mural" program where 150 children and I painted a mural depicting colorful shapes, healthy food and sports equipment with healthy foods and sports equipment
- Los Angeles Unified School District
 - Newman Nutrition Center – Nutrition mural for children's guided tour through the facility which produces 80,000 pre-plated meals per day for 155 schools and 75 Children's Centers
- Pasadena Unified School District Mural Grant for 30 schools in Pasadena.
 - I designed and painted the murals for all schools. I also painted with children at schools through my "We Create a Mural" program.
- Lake Elsinore Unified School District
 - David A. Brown Middle School – Mural scene of lake with all kinds of physical activity
- Redondo Unified School District Food Services Office Building Mural
- Downey Unified School District Mural
 - Price Elementary School –Mural showing healthy mind, body and spirits
- Cypress Unified School District
 - Christine P. Swain Elementary School – Mural with children playing in a field of color with fruits and vegetables
 - Clara J. King Elementary School
- Monrovia Unified School District - Designed and painted nutrition and exercise murals
 - Bradoaks

- Monroe
 - Plymouth
- Yuba County Government Center Mural Grant - Turn of the century sepia landscape design & painting
- Orange Unified School District - Designed and painted nutrition and exercise murals
 - West Orange Elementary School
 - Handy Elementary School
 - Esplanade Elementary School
 - Palmyra Elementary School
 - Project Hope
- Genealogy Tree Mural promoting families for local church meetings at residence
- Huntington Unified School District
 - Beach Elementary School - Designed and painted nutrition mural
- Monrovia Unified School District - Painted a nutrition mural
 - Santa Fe Elementary School
 - Plymouth Elementary School
 - Wild Rose Elementary School –Designed and painted a Literacy mural
- Phantom Galleries – Designed and painted a mural in conjunction with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency in downtown San Jose, CA and was featured on KQED's SPARK TV (San Francisco) in the segment "*Making Room for Art*" by San Jose's Phantom Galleries

VISUAL ART SHOWINGS

- Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery Exhibition of my painting "*Viewpoint*," LA, CA, 2004
- Photography and Portraiture Shows - Triton Museum, Sunnyvale Arts Show, Calistoga Arts Show, Monterey Bay, 2001-2004
- BFA Exhibition, Athens, GA, 1988
- Mostra Exhibition, Cortona, Italia, 1987

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