



I was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1945. My elementary and high school career was spent in Detroit Public Schools. I recall being the most artistic student in my class, but I never had any real training or focus. I spent 4 wonderful years at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics degree with a Minor in Art History.

When I turned 30 I signed up for an Adult Ed painting class and quickly learned 3 things: (1) this was the worst class in the world, (2) I was better than everyone else in it and (3), I needed to find a more serious environment to study painting.

I found my way to a local art center, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association and an oil painting class taught by Russell Keeter. Russ taught me the difference between "picture making" and art and was able to nurture my increasing desire to communicate through paint, brush and canvas.

I also had the pleasure of taking a 'master class' with New York artist, Philip Pearlstein.

I am not alone in realizing that our individual lives are increasingly complex. We live in a world of mindless violence, declining morality and isolation. I attempt to express the reality of our vulnerability in the darker edges of my work, which on the surface reflects aspects of American culture, the mundane moments of our existence.

The painting process allows me to reach into my reservoir of emotion, intellect and personal experience in a productive and creative way; challenging me to express multi-dimensional subject matter on a two-dimensional surface.

Shows and Exhibitions

2002- One-man show, Del Gallery, Beverly Hills, MI

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2004 - Special Guest Artist of the Month, www.blahblahgallery.com

2004 - "Our Town," Juried Exhibition and Sale, The Community House, Birmingham, MI (Juror's Award)

2005 - "Dirty Show," National Juried Art Exhibition and Sale, Detroit, MI

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2006 - "Our Town," Juried Exhibition and Sale, The Community House, Birmingham, MI

2007 - "Secrets," Group Show, Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, West Bloomfield, MI

2007-2008 - "Carnival," Juried Traveling Exhibition, The Arts League of Michigan

2008 "Our Town," Juried Exhibition and Sale, The Community House, Birmingham, MI (Chairman's Award)

2009 "Our Town," Juried Exhibition and Sale, The Community House, Birmingham, MI

2010 - Juried Exhibition, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI

2010 - Juried Exhibition, C-Pop Gallery, Detroit, MI

2011 "Our Town," Juried Exhibition and Sale, The Community House, Birmingham, MI (2nd Place Award)

2011 "Homage to a Great Teacher," Juried Exhibition and Sale, Northville Art House, Northville, MI