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MEDIUMS AND MODALITIES

Interior/Exterior Wall Murals and Roll Gates • Plaster • Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor • Home, Family, Pet Portraiture
Tapestry • Sculpture Cakes • Custom Book, Music, Merchandise Illustrations • Costume Creation/Design Prop
Design • Specialty Home Design Project Painting • Community Projects • Educator

PHILANTHROPY AND COLLABORATIONS

September 2019 – **Partner with Projectivity & Sponsored by NYC DOT ARTS**; Assisted Queen Andrea in painting Staten Island's largest, geometric themed mural.

September 2019- Participated in **Robots Will Kill, Public Art in 3 Acts "Barn Burning,"** at Staten Island Richmond Country Fair. Painted a large scale flower painting.

August 2019 – **Partner with SI Makerspace**; Lead a week long art camp called *Space Is The Place*, instructed 14 student in the theory of spacial relationship, perspectives, negative spaces, various mediums and surfaces.

March 2019 – Partner with **Projectivity & DCA Premier Grant**; Lead Teacher in a *Mural Arts Program* for 15 students ages 8 – 13. Instruction included the mural process from planning to execution, scaling for 24' mural to be completed at Fresh Kills Park. Study included native plants and animals of Staten Island, translating knowledge into art.

March 2019 – Partner with **Projectivity & DCA Premier Grant**; Lead Teacher in a *Mural Arts Program* for 15, 5th grade students at P.S 21. Instruction included the mural process from planning to execution, wall preparation and the elements behind mural design.

February 2019 – Created and donated two custom pet portrait paintings to fundraisers, for **PS 35 and Children's Harbor Montessori School**.

October 2018 - Artist for hire participant in **MakerSpace Rent-A-Maker Event** celebrating 5th Anniversary.

June 2018 - Designed and illustrated the book cover, and illustrations for the interior of **The Children's Harbor Montessori School Yearbook 2017-2018**.

May 2018 – Began a comprehensive bartering program with local artists in an effort to expand art connections and share artistic visions with the community.

February 2017 – Created and donated custom painting to the **Children's Harbor Montessori School**, for fundraiser.

September 2016 – Present - Volunteer craft/art teacher at **Michael J Petrides** school. February 2015 - Designed and illustrated canine and feline themed pieces of art for the front windows of **Bay Street Animal Hospital, Staten Island, New York**.

September 2013 - Designed and painted a dolphin for the **Staten Island Children's Museum**.

MURALS

July 2018 - Designed and painted custom botanical exterior mural, 18' X 10' for **Changes Nutritional Therapy and Fitness and Wellness Center, Staten Island, New York**.

May 2018 – Designed and painted a 198 square foot roll down gate mural for **MakerSpace** of Staten Island as part of the **100 Gates Project of the Lower East Side**.

November 2017 - completed 25' X 15' roll gate mural for **North Star Yoga on Castleton Avenue, Staten Island**, as part of the **100 Gates Project of the LES**.

August 2017 - Completed 30' X 15' roll gate mural for **Duzer's Local Café on Vanduzer Street, Staten Island**, as part of the **100 Gates Project of the LES**.

December 2017 - Designed and painted 375 square foot mural on roll down gate for **North Star Yoga** as part of **100 Gates Project LES**.

October 2016 - Designed and painted 1875 square foot botanical themed mural for **Gerardi's Farmers Market, Richmond Terrace Staten Island, New York**.

Sept 2015 - Designed and painted **840 square foot American Flag** mural, comprised of flowers for **Gerardi's Farmers Market, Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, New York.**

July 2015 - Designed and painted 160 square foot mural in the auditorium of **PS 78** - school logo, **Staten Island, NY.**

September 2014 - Updated existing murals in the **Portia's Playhouse** section of the **Staten Island Children's Museum.**

October 2013 - Designed and painted a 2000 square foot mural for recipients of a **Citizens Committee of NY** grant to paint a mural and plant a garden. Led a day of community involvement where kids participated and painted alongside.

June 2013- Designed and painted eight large vacation location themed murals in the kennels of **Bay Street Animal Hospital.**

October 2012 - Designed and painted 100 square foot custom mural for the "**House About It**" section of the **Staten Island Children's Museum.**

2005 – Designed and painter 840 square foot mural at **The Please Touch Museum**, for artist **Cliff Wagner's** installation "**Contraptions A-Z**", Philadelphia, PA.

FEATURED PROJECTS – www.monaoman.com

August 2019 - Painted a full scale horse statue to resemble an authentic horse on display at Gerardi's Farmers Market, SINY.

June 2019- Designed and painted a mural on the bridge for the Bridge Crossing Ceremony for Childrens Harbor Montessori School.

June 2018 - Restored/repainted two nautical and ocean themed exterior murals 200 Square Feet in private residence, SINY.

May 2018 - Competed two sports themed murals and one custom lettering project in residential home, SINY.

May 2018 - Completed two custom medallion paintings on the ceilings in residential home, SINY.

March 2018 - Designed wine label for **CarpeVino** wine company of Long Island.

February 2018 - Completed a collection of ten animal paintings on toasted wood for a private client.

September 2017 - present – Commissioned artist for **Robert Canaan Home Remodeling**; plasterer, faux finish, painter, specialist, mural artist.

February 2017 - Custom painted drumhead for band, **The New Division** of Riverside, CA.

December 2017 - Designed and painted custom book-themed staircase for a private client. Each step is a bound novel.

June 2016 - present - Began a custom house portrait business for private and commercial clients, as well as Real Estate agencies in New York & New Jersey.

HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS

2016 - **Creative Women Panel**, Women's Political Caucus, Staten Island, New York.

2014 - **Citizens Committee of New York City** – Community Garden and mural grant; mural designer, coordinator and painter of a 1050 Sq. Ft. exterior mural.

2012 – **Department of Cultural Affairs Premiere Grant** – Designed and painted a 1950 Square Foot exterior mural for P.S. 65, **The School of Innovative Learning**, Staten Island, New York.

2008 - Served as a judge on grant application panel for **SI ARTS**. Staten Island, New York.

2005 - **Art Institute of Philadelphia**. Outstanding Achievement Award & Best of Quarter, Concept Drawing and Business Management

EXHIBITIONS

November 2018 - Solo art show and musical event entitled, "**If Not Now, When?**" at **The Hop Shoppe**. Collection included 35 pieces of original work. Staten Island, New York.

2009 - **Newhouse Gallery, HUGE unHUGE**, group show, Staten Island, New York

2009 - **Art by the Ferry, Artist's Collective**, Staten Island, New York

2009 - **Staten Island Museum, Juried Art Exhibition**, Staten Island, New York

2008 - **The Gallery Bar**, solo show entitled "**Friend of a Friend**" New York, New York

2008 - **Gallery 6**, group show, "**White Party**" Staten Island, New York

2008 - **Bridge the Gap**, Community event, Staten Island, New York

2008 - **Homeless Art Gallery**, group show, Staten Island, New York

2008 - **Rock the Harbor**, Music & Art festival, Staten Island, New York

2007 - **Sputnik, Art Collective**, "The Big Art Show" Brooklyn, New York

EDUCATION

2009 **The School of Visual Art**. Continuing Education, Oil Painting. New York, New York

2009 **The New York Academy of Art**. Continuing Education, Oil Painting. New York, New York

2005 **The Art Institute of Philadelphia**. Associates of Science, Visual Merchandising / Industrial Design. Philadelphia,

RESIDENCE

2009 - **The Art Lab**, 12 weeks of Fine Art with scholarship. Staten Island, New York

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