

BETH ZAIKEN

Muralist, Fine Artist, Illustrator

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Work Experience:

- Three months experience Museum Art Fabrication (Mural Painting, figurine painting) and Illustration at the Split Rock Studios (Museum Outfitters), St.Paul, MN (Craig Sommerville; Summer 2007)
- Propose, design, and install large-scale commissioned scenic and wildlife murals:
 - Designed Entry-Hall Mural for Twin Rivers Casino, Providence, RI (2006)
 - Kellogg MS, "Dolphins" (2004), and "Stairwell Rainforest" (2006)
 - Ben Franklin Elementary, "Northwest Pacific: Orcas," and "Orcas II" (2005), "Alaska Summer: Grizzly" and "Alaska Summer: Elk" (2006)
 - Century HS, "The Panther Project" (2004-ongoing)
- Various Public and Private Collection Artwork Commissions (2003-present)
- Shoot 'n Save Sports, Rochester, MN: Freelance Graphic Designer (2002-2003)
- Taught Environmental Education classes for kindergarteners and 1st grade students at Quarry Hill Nature Center (Greg Munson; 2001-2002)
 - Educate and Lecture children on aspects of local ecology

Educational Experience:

- Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Honors BFA, Illustration (2008)
- RISD GPA: 3.84
- Mayo High School Honors Diploma (Rochester, MN, 2004)
- Studied under Charles Pearson, Wildlife Artist (1998-2004)

Technical Skills:

- Traditional 2D Media: Extensive Acrylic and Oil Painting Techniques, Watercolor, Gouache, Egg Tempera, Casein, Various Dry Media (Charcoal, Pastel, Colored Pencil, etc)
- Traditional 3D Media: Ceramic Sculpture and Wheel-thrown Pottery, Woodworking (Construction and Carving), Mold-making, Plaster-casting
- Digital Proficiencies: Adobe Creative Suite 2, (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, GoLive, ImageReady), Corel Painter 9 (also limited Flash, Dreamweaver and web-design experience)
 - Digital 3D: Zbrush 2, Blender, Bryce 6.0

Awards and Accolades:

- L. Ron Hubbard's "Illustrators of the Future," International Winner 2003
 - Published Illustrations in L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future vol. XX
 - National Scholastic Art and Writing, Silver Key Award for Excellence in Painting (2004)
 - MN Scholastic Art and Writing Golden Key Award for Art Portfolio (2004)
 - MN State Junior Duck Stamp Competition: Second Place (2004)
 - PTSA Reflections: 6-time MN State 1st Place Visual Arts (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004)
 - National PTSA Reflections (Visual Arts): National Award of Excellence (2000), National Award of Merit (1999)
 - Olmsted County Fair: "Best of Show," Professional Fine Arts (2006, 2003)
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References are available upon request: Prof. Nicholas Jainschigg, Prof. Robert Brinkerhoff, Charles Pearson, Rob Scripture, Dr. Dwight L. Jennings
