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Born: August 23, 1956 in Paterson, New Jersey

Education:

BS in Art Education - May, 1978 State University of New York, The College at New Paltz

Master of Social Work - May, 1991 State University of New York at Albany

Shows:

1977 *Student Show* –SUNY, The College at New Paltz - Honorable Mention
1985 *One Person Show* - Unison Learning Center, New Paltz, NY
June, 2004 *Maya: Illusions & Lucid Truths* - Far Fetched Gallery, Kingston, NY
January, 2005 *Group Show (Untitled)* Far Fetched Gallery, Kingston, NY
July, 2005 *Comedy, Tragedy, Fantasy* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
August, 2005 *Autogamy* - New Century Artists, Inc., Chelsea, NY
August, 2005 *Kids in the Arts* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
September, 2005 *Autogamy* - Highland Cultural Arts Center
September, 2005 *Anything Goes* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
October, 2005 *Portraits and Abstractions* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
November, 2005 *Found Objects and Lost Arts* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
December, 2005 *Small Works* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
January, 2006 *New Art* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
February, 2006 *LOVE* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
March, 2006 *Beyond the Horizon* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
April, 2006 *Spring, 2006* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
May, 2006 *Forever Wild* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
June, 2006 *Backyards & Facades* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
July, 2006 *POP* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
August, 2006 *Earth, Wind & Fire* - Arts Upstairs, Phoenicia, NY
September, 2006 *Anything Goes...* - Art Society of Kingston, Kingston, NY
September, 2006 *Looks Like...* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
October, 2006 *Opening of the Medusa Gallery* - New Paltz, NY
October, 2006 *Open Show* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
November, 2006 *Masks* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
December, 2006 *Reflections / Perceptions* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
March, 2007 *Edge* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
January, 2007 *Whiteout* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
February, 2007 *Hot* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
April, 2007 *Body, Mind, Spirit* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
April - October, 2007 *One Man Show – 6-month installation*, Trends Hair Design, Kingston, NY
May, 2007 *Opening of the Muddy Cup Café* – Poughkeepsie, Beacon Artist's Union
May, 2007 *Some Body: Contemporary Views of the Human Form*
The Daniela Passal Galleries at Mohonk Arts - High Falls, NY
May, 2007 *Music and Art* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
June, 2007 *Green* Group Show - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
July, 2007 *Garden of Earthly Delights* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia
August, 2007 *Just Around the Corner* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
September, 2007 *Illuminations* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
October, 2007 *Worldly Wonders* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
November, 2007 *Small Works 2007* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
December, 2007 *Recollections* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
December, 2007 *Holiday Cheers! Small Works* -
Art Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12041
January, 2008 *Reality* - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY

February, 2008	<i>All You Need Is Love</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
March, 2008	<i>Odyssey: Out of State, Out of Country, Out of Mind</i> Art Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12041
March, 2008	<i>Time Marches On</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
April, 2008	<i>Mail and Female</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
May, 2008	<i>African Inspirations</i> - Art Society of Kingston, Kingston, NY
May, 2008	<i>Flower Power</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
June, 2008	<i>Ol' Sol</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
July, 2008	<i>All Together NOW</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
August, 2008	<i>Dog Days</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
September, 2008	<i>Pot Luck</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
September 27, 2008	<i>Celebration of the Arts</i> – New Paltz, NY
October, 2008	<i>Five Years</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
November, 2008	<i>Great and Small</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
November, 2008	<i>Grand Opening</i> - Van Buren Gallery, 215 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
December, 2008	<i>Under the Influence</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
January, 2009	<i>Revolution</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
February, 2009	<i>Love & Hate & Sex</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
March, 2009	<i>Madness</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
May, 2009	<i>Botanical</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
June, 2009	<i>Surprise!</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
August, 2009	<i>Peace, Love, Music</i> - Arts Upstairs Gallery Phoenicia, NY
August 11, 2009	<i>Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock</i> , Levon Helm Studios, Woodstock, NY
August 18, 2009	Presentation before the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Elting Memorial Library, New Paltz, NY 12561

Statement

"Painting allows me to dream, while I am awake, of figures and places that exist only in my mind and in the gentle mists of nebulous clouds. I am fascinated by the dynamic relationships between nebulous forms and the figures that they suggest to me. My work focuses on the eternal nature of the human spirit. I focus on the mix of randomly occurring forms and colors found in the sky and space. The blending of human form and nebulous star clouds join to form a natural rhythm that I try to emulate in my paintings. We are united by our origins in the same speck of primordial dust and we return to it in the end. I am drawn to the stars that flow through the universe. The images symbolize aspects of human emotion, change, and relationships.

I am inspired by an eclectic mix of artists, especially the Symbolist painters (Odilon Redon, Puvis de Chavannes, Walter Crane and others). I admire the work of Gustav Klimt, Georgia O'Keefe, Egon Schiele, JMW Turner, Leonardo Da Vinci, Degas, and Jan Vermeer. I find a common goal in trying to express timeless ideas in ways that are lyrical and hold the viewer for that extra moment. Everyone says that Art should change you. I say that Art should invite you to wonder."



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