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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2001 Master of Educational Administration
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
- Issues selected for study include many of those having a significant impact upon the future of Alberta education: site based management; the consequences of budgetary restrictions upon public education; class size reduction; and corporate pooling.
- 1990 B. Ed. with Great Distinction and Professional "A" Certificate
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1982 M.F.A. in Art, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
- 1980 B.F.A. in Art with Great Distinction
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1997 – Present **Teacher**
J.C. Charyk Hanna School, Hanna, Alberta
- Teach art to grades seven to twelve, and health to grade eight; taught language arts to grade eight, and health to grades seven and nine.
- 1998 – 1999 **President Elect of Calgary and Area Regional Fine Arts Council (CARFAC)**
- Helped with founding of fine arts council for Calgary and region.
 - Assisted with creation of mission statement and organization of PD workshops.
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- 1991 – 1997 **Teacher**
Youngstown School, Youngstown, Alberta
- Taught language arts to grades seven to nine; art to grades five to ten; creative writing to grades five and six; CALM; and health to grades seven, eight, and nine.
- 1990 – 1991 **Teacher**
St. Alphonsus Junior High School, Calgary, Alberta
- Taught art to grades seven to nine; and social studies to grade eight.

- 1985 – 1988 **Self-employed Artist**
Cologne, West Germany
- Painted and exhibited in a major art community in West Germany.
 - Toured West Berlin, East Berlin, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, France, and Italy so as to view and study contemporary and historical art firsthand.
- 1984 – 1985 **Guest Lecturer**
University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia
- Taught one course in first year painting, one course in third year painting, and one course in first year drawing.
 - Was an advisor to fourth year, honours painting students.
- Summer 1984 **Sessional Lecturer**
University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario
- Taught two courses in art fundamentals.
- 1983 – 1984 **Lecturer**
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
- Taught three courses in art fundamentals, two courses in second year painting, and one course in second year sculpture.
 - Was an advisor for a senior, interdisciplinary, honours class.
- Spring 1982 **Laboratory Assistant**
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
- Taught art fundamentals.
- 1981 – 1982 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
- Taught third year painting for one semester.
 - Taught first year drawing for one semester.
 - Conducted critiques of fourth year painting students every third week for the entire academic year and submitted written evaluations of students' progress.
 - Conducted critiques of fourth year drawing class for the entire academic year and submitted written evaluations of students' progress.
- Summer 1990 **Art Instructor**
Mental Health Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Initiated and conducted weekly meetings which introduced mentally and emotionally challenged persons to basic techniques of painting and drawing.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2007 • "BEST IN SHOW" Juror's Choice; Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild 2007 Annual Juried Show, Canmore, Alberta
<http://photoshare.shaw.ca/messages/viewthumb/7005295799-1172888725-76632/0/page/1/15/>
- 2006 • Barrie Chadwick Award for best landscape; Federation of Canadian Artists open juried show "Painting on the Edge", Vancouver, B.C.
<http://www.artists.ca/edge/edge2006/exhibition/06-pyra.html>
- SGI 2007 Calendar Award; painting published in Sask. Government Insurance Calendar, Regina, Saskatchewan.

- 1997 • Awarded \$750 educational scholarship from the Alberta Teachers' Association to assist in pursuing a Master's of Education in Ed. Admin. from the University of Calgary.
- 1983 • Alberta Culture Grant valued at \$899 from the Alberta government.
- 1982 • Thesis Research Grant valued at \$500 from the University of Calgary.
- Summer 1981 • Scholarship to attend summer Young Artists from the West program at the Banff Centre, School of Fine Arts, valued at \$1,288. The class was limited to ten outstanding young artists from Western Canada who were recent graduates of art colleges or universities.
- 1980 – 1981 • Graduate Research Assistantship valued at \$4,160 from the University of Calgary.
- Fine Arts Prize for the most distinguished graduate in Fine Arts from the University of Saskatchewan.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan.
- 1979 • Honours Scholarship valued at \$630 from the University of Saskatchewan.

EXHIBITION RECORD

- 2008 • Ongoing display (beginning in June 2008) at James Baird Gallery, Pouch Cove, NFLD (www.jamesbaird.ca)
- Ongoing display at Galerie Crescent Contemporain, Montreal, Quebec (email info@galeriecrescent.com)
- Ongoing display at Masters Gallery, Calgary, Alberta (www.mastersgalleryltd.com)
- Group Show, 22nd International Juried Show, Visual Arts Centre of New Jersey, Summit, NJ, USA – “A&W” (www.artcenternj.org)
- Art donation of “Saskatoon the Beautiful:2” to the Pouch Cove Foundation Art Auction, held in Toronto (www.jamesbaird.ca)
- Art donation of “Tangerine Light” to the Cork and Canvas silent auction in support of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO)
- “The Traveller” was selected for the ASA's “Small is All” Inter-provincial traveling exhibition (email: cwcarson@artists-society.ab.ca)
- Solo Show, Campbell River & District Public Art Gallery, Campbell River, B.C., April 11th to May 16th, 2008, “Night Scenes” (art.gallery@crcn.net)
- Leighton Art Centre, Gallery and Museum International Juried Figurative Art Show, March 15th to April 26th, 2008 – “Portrait of a Young Musician”
- 2007 • Ongoing Display, Masters Gallery, Calgary, Alberta (www.mastersgalleryltd.com)
<http://www.mastersgalleryltd.com/webroot/website/artists1.cfm?artistID=269&picID=3098>
- Calgary Artwalk, Masters Gallery “Meet the Artist”, Calgary, Alberta (Sept 2007)
- Group Show, 2007 Annual Juried Show, Canmore Public Gallery, Canmore, Alberta
- Group Show, 21st International Juried Show, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, New Jersey, USA
- Solo Show, “Night Scenes”, Kootenay Gallery of Art, History & Science, Castlegar, BC (June 8th to July 13th, 2007) info@kootenaygallery.com
<http://www.kootenaygallery.com/images/2007%20%20Exhibition%20Schedule.pdf>

- 2006
- Councillor at Large for The Alberta Society of Artists
 - Solo Show “Night Scenes”, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
<http://www.image54.com/dynamic/artist.asp?ArtistID=84>
 - Solo Show, VAAA Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
http://www.visualartsalberta.com/ArchiveView69_harmonies.html
 - Group Show, Canmore Public Gallery, Canmore, Alberta
 - Group Show “Painting on the Edge”, Vancouver, B.C. (4th annual open juried exhibition) <http://www.artists.ca/edge/edge2006/exhibition/06-pyra.html>
 - Group Show “Harvesting Hopes”, High River, Alberta
 - Group Show “Artwalk” Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
 - Ongoing display at Elevation Gallery, Canmore, Alberta
 - Group Show, “Unplugged”, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, Alberta
 - Group Show, “Honey I Shrunk The Artwork”, a juried exhibition, The Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge, BC
 - Group Show, Christmas “Small Gems”, Elevation Gallery, Canmore, Alberta
 - Member of CAAG (Canmore Artists and Artisans Guild)
 - CAAG Juried Exhibition, group show, Canmore, Alberta
 - “In Your Face”, group show (AGO – Art Gallery of Ontario), Toronto, Ontario
- 2005
- Solo Show “Greg Pyra”, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
http://www.image54.com/dynamic/exhibit_artist.asp?ArtistID=84&ExhibitID=34
 - “Alberta Scenes” group show, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
http://www.image54.com/dynamic/exhibit_artist.asp?ArtistID=84&ExhibitID=30
 - “Eye Candy II” group show, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
http://www.image54.com/dynamic/exhibit_artist.asp?ArtistID=84&ExhibitID=39
 - “Art Walk 2005” group show, Image 54 Gallery, Calgary, Alberta
- 1990 – 1994
- 1988
- Art Placement, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; ongoing display.
 - Anna Visser Gallery, Noorbeck, Holland; one man show.
 - Oase Gallery, Cologne, West Germany; one man show.
- 1987
- City Library Cologne-Brueck, Cologne, West Germany; one man show.
 - City Library Cologne-Weidenpesch, Cologne, West Germany; one man show.
 - Participate in “Open Studio Days”, organized by the Artothek Gallery, Cologne, West Germany; one man show.
 - Restaurant “Melisse”, Cologne, West Germany; one man show.
- 1986
- Representative for Canada in an international art exhibition in West Berlin to commemorate the Berlin Olympic Games of 1936. Organized by the “Oneness World Peace Family”; group show.
- 1985
- Lynnwood Arts Centre, Simcoe, Ontario; one man show.
 - Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario; one man show.
 - Works exhibited at the Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, Alberta.
- 1984
- Rodman Hall, St. Catherines, Ontario; “Ontario Jury Exhibition”; group show.
 - Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario; group show.
 - University of Waterloo Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario; one man show.
 - Works exhibited at the Paul Kuhn Gallery, Calgary, Alberta.

- 1983
 - University of Waterloo Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario; two person show.
 - Latitude 53 Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta; one man show.
 - Plug-In Gallery, Wininipeg, Manitoba; one man show.
 - Muttart Gallery, Calgary, Alberta; one man show.
 - Canadian Music Centre, Calgary, Alberta; one man show.
- 1982
 - Muttart Gallery, Calgary, Alberta; "Preview '83"; group show.
 - Nickle Arts Museum, University of Calgary campus; "M.F.A. Exhibition"; one man show.
 - Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; "Saskatchewan Open '82"; group show.
- 1981
 - Little Art Gallery, University of Calgary campus; group show.
 - Peter Whyte Gallery, Banff, Alberta; group show.
 - Little Art Calgary, University of Calgary campus; one man show.
- 1980
 - Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon, Bachelor of Fine Arts students' exhibition; exhibition space was shared with one other person.
 - Saint Thomas More Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon; group show.
 - Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon; group show.
- 1979
 - Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon; group show.
- 1977
 - Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon; group show.

PUBLICATIONS

Review in Galleries West, Fall/Winter, 2006; page 36
http://www.gallerieswest.ca/ftp/PDFArchives/GWest_Fall06.pdf

Work featured in Notebook, Premiere Edition, 2006

Work published in Sask. Government Insurance Calendar 2007

Work featured in Alberta Views, May, 2007

Paintings displayed in "New Art International" 2008/2009 edition.

RELATED EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Initiated the annual Fine Arts Celebration at J.C. Charyk School in 2002. Community groups are invited into the school to give a host of presentations in drama, music, dance, art, computer animation, etc.
- Conducted PD workshops for Prairie Land Regional Division; the Calgary and Area Fine Arts Council (CARFAC); and the Palliser Convention (2003).
- Councillor at Large for The Alberta Society of Artists – 2007
- Residency at Gushul Studio, Blairmore, Alberta (in the Crowsnest Pass) – July 2008
- Residency in Pouch Cove, NFLD through James Baird Gallery (August 2009)

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