

James L Johnson

Fine Art | Curriculum | Teaching

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Exhibitions | Commissions

- 2020** Julie & Ricky Kessler, "You & Me & the Changing Sea"
- 2018** Celebration of Fine Art (3-month FT venue), Scottsdale, AZ
- 2017** "Glacier Going Back", Two Person Show, Whitefish, MT
- 2016** Thundering Oaks Plein Air Paint-out, Independence, MO
- 2015** Bluff Arts Festival/Exhibition, Bluff, UT
- 2014** Emma Kunda, "Emma's Father"
- 2013** Deseret Book Fine Art Gallery Painting Demo/Exhibition, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2012** Elliott Fouts Gallery (Representation), Sacramento, CA
- 2011** 26th Annual Spiritual & Religious Art of Utah, Springville Museum of Art, UT
- 2010** AAU Spring Salon, Academy of Art University (Juried), San Francisco, CA
- 2008** Patrick Hays, "Ramona Landscape"

Awards | Publications

- 2020** Hon. Mention, "First Vision from Above", Spring 2020 "First Vision" Exhibition
- 2019** Multiple figurative Illustrations published in international *Ensign* magazine
- 2017** *Pearl of Great Price Reference Companion*, ed. Dennis Largey, 15 large pieces
- 2017** First in Fav15%, "Sheltered Quarters", FASO Boldbrush Competition
- 2016** Purchase Award & Second Place, Thundering Oaks Plein Air Competition
- 2015** Hon. Mention, "Nana's Girl", Artistic Excellence Competition, *Southwest Art*
- 2013** Best of Show/Category, "Hemming Cabin", Idaho Summerfest Art Competition
- 2013** Idaho Artist of the Year, *Twin Cities TOSCA Magazine*
- 2012** Judge's Choice Award "Feed My Sheep", IAA Annual Christmas Showcase

Teaching Experience

- 2020+** **Art Instructor, Montana Academy, Marion, MT**
Rotating art classes taught daily with emphasis on drawing, painting, ceramics
- 2018-19** **Art Instructor, Kalispell Montessori Elementary, Kalispell, MT**
Elementary school weekly instruction, class size range 4-20 students, ages 5-12
- 2017-19** **Art Instructor, Upschool Homeschool Coop, Kalispell, MT**
Elementary and middle school weekly instruction, class size range 8-15 students, ages 5-15
- 2014-16** **Visual Arts Instructor, Monument Valley High School, Navajo Nation**
Foundations, drawing/painting, photography, piloted Advanced Placement (AP®) program
Worked closely with troubled youth one-on-one, documented weekly progress
- 2011-14** **Adjunct Professor, Art Department, BYU-Idaho, Rexburg, ID**
Beginning drawing, painting classes, hybrid online/face-to-face learning, ages 18-50+
- 2012** **Workshop Instructor, Upper Valley Art Guild, Rexburg, ID**
"Getting Rich, Believable Color"; asked to return, ages 65+

Education | Training

- 2014** **Teaching Certificate, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID**
Gained a passion for Constructivist learning approach, disdain for Behaviorism in schools
Maintained straight A's while teaching University classes, gallery painting, freelancing
- 2012** **MFA – Illustration, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA**
Excelled in illustration as well as numerous fine art classes (still life, figurative, landscape)
Cross-cultural awareness through Cultural Anthropology coursework, group observations
- 2008** **BFA – Illustration, Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, ID**
Reputation led to teaching appointment soon after graduation; Cum Laude, 3.913 GPA

Professional Experience

- 2014** **Curriculum Designer, Nature Academy Pilot Program, Teton, ID**
Co-produced/designed art curriculum, print materials, website; co-taught, ages 6-14
- 2013** **Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Worker, Tueller Counseling, Idaho Falls, ID**
Worked with some twenty troubled adolescent clients ages 12-18, documented progress daily
Assisted in implementation of DBT through skills training at home or in the community
- 2008+** **Fine Artist, Owner, James L Johnson Fine Art**
Fine art commissions, editorial illustrations, gallery sales, competitions, exhibitions
- 2005** **Reading Tutor, Reading Center, BYU-Idaho**
Used spanish-speaking skills to aid ELL students in literacy, designed educational content
- 2001+** **House Painter, Owner, J Squared Painting**
Worked for various Idaho/Montana paint contractors, ran own business

Service | Community, Presentations

- 2018** “The Lure of the Light”, 3-person panel on plein air painting, Scottsdale, Arizona
- 2018** “Art & Morality”, presentation to local congregation, St Joseph, Missouri
- 2016** Community biweekly Navajo art classes, Monument Valley, Utah
- 2010** Religious artwork presentation and lecture, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2008** Mural designer/artist/team supervisor, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2003** Missionary volunteer teacher, graphic designer, Canary Islands, Spain
- 2002** Academic Board graphic designer, Rexburg, Idaho

Other Skills, Qualifications

- Español** Fluent spanish speaker, excellent communicator
- EdTech** Online academic technology – BrainHoney™
- Adobe** Photoshop proficient, Illustrator, InDesign familiar
- Grit** Disciplined early riser, hard and focused worker
- Neat** Meticulous, expert organizer; clean and tidy
- Pics** Digital photography, editing, organizing
- Social** Facebook, Instagram saavy, Twitter, Hootsuite familiar
- Psych** Longtime independent student of child, ed psychology