



# R. NOEL SHAAK

Artist & Illustrator

## RESUME

Born in Reading, Pennsylvania in 1976, I began drawing dinosaurs and birds at two-years-old, with incredible attention to detail. Always drawn to nature, I found unlimited inspiration for my art and was recognized at an early age. As a freelance artist I have produced portraits, realistic wildlife drawings, book covers, and renderings for landscape designs. Over the past three years I have produced a body of intricate and imaginary works grounded in nature. As I am also a horticulturist, nature is a dominant influence in all of my work.

### ART EXPERIENCE

- 2008-Present **Fellowship with the Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA**
- 2005-Present **Series: Concentration on detailed, surreal landscape series**
- 2009 **Exhibition in the Lobby of the Morgan, Lewis and Brackius Firm, Philadelphia, PA**  
displayed with new fellows of the CFEVA Career Development Program | 2 pieces displayed.
- 2009 **Exhibition at the Widener Foundation Memorial Gallery at the Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA**  
displayed with new fellows of the CFEVA Career Development Program | 3 pieces displayed, 1 sold.
- 2008 **Exhibition at Mike's Famous (Harley-Davidson Dealer), Smyrna, DE**  
4 pieces displayed, Work awarded in juried competition.
- 2007 **Solo Exhibition: First Friday at Azure Restaurant, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, PA,**  
20 pieces displayed with a capacity turnout at opening.
- 1999 **Book Cover Illustration for published book, Distribution in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York**  
"I Am Simple" by poet Jason LaHood.
- 1998-2003 **Commissioned Portraits and Horticultural Renderings, Philadelphia, PA and surrounding area**
- 1993 **Winner of Literacy Billboard Contest, Reading, PA**
- 1982-1984 **Table at Annual Art Show, Allentown, PA**  
Table display of 50-100 nature drawings each year (half sold) | Publication exposure- a front page feature article in the *Reading Times/Eagle* and article the *Los Angeles Times* as a result of commissioned art from events.

### EDUCATION

- 1997-2000 **West Chester University, West Chester, PA | Double Major: Studio Art & Anthropology**
- 1995-1997 **Penn State University, Berks County, PA | Major: Studio Art**

