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I've been an artist from the time I could pick up a pencil or paint brush and have been developing my professional skills since 2004. I work hard, stay in budget, and enjoy developing relationships with the people who run the projects I have the opportunity to be part of and/or will view my artwork on a daily basis.

## EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN

Graduated December 2001

### PROFESSIONAL LIFE

#### SELF-TAUGHT AND SELF-EMPLOYED

Since 2002

### LINCOLN BEREAN CHURCH

#### ART DIRECTOR / TEACHER

2009-2018

## WHAT I LOOK FOR IN THIS OPPORTUNITY

### Expand my professional Career

I am looking for any opportunities that will further my career. I also look for organizations, cities, or community groups that will want to collaborate and put their trust in me for any large or small scale art-related projects.

### Work with the Community

I enjoy working with different groups of people and have found the best work occurs when I can connect to a community and create something that is inspired from their input and location.

### Imagine, Dream, Create, Display

I enjoy working within any and all four of these categories and am available to be of service in these areas as well.

## PUBLIC ART

2022     **Gateway Mall; Lincoln, NE** ("Garden of Possibilities" – community art experience/ artist in

- residence in collaboration with Lincoln Arts Council)
- 2021 **Gateway Mall; Lincoln, NE** (“The Breakthrough”- interactive art experience)
- 2020 **Gateway Mall; Lincoln, NE** (Word Search Wall - 27’ x 17’ wall; Collage Mural - 30’ x 12’; Art on \ Mall Mural)
- 2019 **City of Henderson, NE** (“Some Bigger, None Better” wall mural 45’ x 15’)
- 2019 **Gateway Mall; Lincoln, NE** (Light Bright Wall - 2 iterations on 27’ x 17’ wall)
- 2018 **Gateway Mall; Lincoln, NE** (“Dream” - large string art wall 27’ x 17’)
- 2017 **Gateway Mall in conjunction with Lighthouse/Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters and Team Mates; Lincoln, NE** (“One Thousand” – installation of 1000 CNC cut Komatex rectangles)
- 2016 **Hope Venture /Gateway Mall Partnership; Lincoln, NE** (Together Hope Grows” 12’x 7’ interactive mosaic mural)
- 2015 **Pilgrimer Coffee Shop, Lincoln NE** (“You Are Not Alone” interactive painted mural)
- 2014-15 **Lincoln Light House Light Bulb Project** (3 bulbs one paint/ one mosaic/ one mixed media)
- 2012 **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans** (interactive mural)

## COMMISSIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

### Beethoven’s Apprentice Music Academy

- 2022 Designer / Artist for collaborative music themed painting

### Lincoln Early Childhood Development Network

- 2022 Designer / Artist for data collecting / collaborative textile art project
- \*prepared 9 weaving looms for 9 questions
  - \*interacted with attendees at event
  - \*reported on findings of data collected through visual textiles and relating stories of attendees

### Lincoln Arts Council

- 2022 Designer / Artist for “Gather and Grow” (data collecting art project)
- \*designed an prepared hundreds of leaves for project
  - \*executed interactive components at weekend arts festival
  - \*reported data findings and project to LAC

### Gateway Mall

- 2018-present Designer / Artist / Go-to Brainstormer for Art Projects
- Projects: Light Bright; String Art; Word Find wall art; Collage Mural
- \*meet with mall staff to brainstorm and create innovative works of art
  - \*work with mall staff to see ideas come in to being

### City of Henderson, NE

- 2019 Designer and Artist of “ Some Bigger, None Better” 45’ x 15’ mural
- \*lead the city council and community through the creation of public art
  - \*worked closely with city representatives to make mural a success
  - \*spoke with classes at local K-12 public school about project

### Lincoln Berean Church

- 2017 Designer and Artist for hallway mural project (45’ x 8’)
- \*worked with Children’s Ministry Coordinator, operations staff, and children
  - \*painted trees which were then adorned with fingerprint leaves made by children
- 2017 Window Designer / Painter for large stage set faux stained glass windows (7 total; each

- 16' high)
- 2017 Project Lead and assistant artist for Children's Department Murals (5 walls in 3 hallways totaling 8' in height and 250' in length)  
\*worked with Children's Ministry Coordinator, graphic designer, artists  
\*coordinated meetings, oversaw layout of the three walls
- 2016 Designer of Good Friday Art (7- 4' x 8' stained glass looking light boxes)  
\*worked with theologian, engineer, light tech, and stage tech
- 2015 Project Lead, Artist, Co-Designer of "Progression" (mural on canvas 2 panels 24' x 7' and 1 panel 17' x 7')  
\*worked with artists, volunteers, engineer
- 2014 Designer of stage elements (4 Dioramas- 2 – 8'x8' and 2-12' x 8' and painted live Christmas Eve)  
\*worked with set crew, engineers, and volunteers
- 2012 Designer / Executer / Artist for 14' cross mosaic  
\*worked with congregation to create piece over a 3 week period of time  
\*worked with church staff and other artists to brainstorm and execute idea

**Noyes Art Designs for CHI Great Plains Health Hospital; Denver, CO**

- 2015 2 – relief glass mosaic sculptures for Pediatric and Labor and Delivery Wings  
\*worked with Nancy Noyes (owner of Noyes Art Design); and professional installer

**Hildegard Center for the Arts; Lincoln, NE**

- 2013-2014 Project Coordinator for Doorways to Hope and Art in Non-Traditional Spaces (working with non-profits & Veteran's Hospital providing opportunities to artists to display art)  
\*met and communicated with directors, office managers, and a variety of professionals to place are appropriate for their spaces

**EXHIBITIONS**

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- Apr-Aug 2022 **Gateway to the Arts** (all facets of my work through 5 solo exhibits)  
June/July 2020 **Red Path Gallery** (Mixed Media Mosaic and bronze works)  
January 2019 **Noyes Gallery** (Mixed Media Mosaic and bronze works in Focus Gallery)  
June 2019 **Indigo Bridge Coffee Shop** (Mixed Media Mosaic and bronze works)  
August 2018 **Noyes Gallery** ("Embracing Sorrow" paint on paper series in Focus Gallery)  
October 2017 **Noyes Gallery** ("Collective Individualism" Painted Canvas installation in Focus Gallery)

**OUT OF TOWN EXHIBITS**

- Apr/Nov 2021 **Mahony State Park** (Wildlife and Landscape Art Show)  
2010 - Present **Friesen Gallery; Henderson, NE** (on-going solo exhibit space)  
Nov-Dec 2019 **The Renaissance; Aurora, NE** (solo exhibit)  
Oct 2019,20,21 **Aurora Art Walk; Aurora, NE** (solo exhibit at The Renaissance)  
Spring 2017 **Sojourn Church; Louisville, KY** (single painting)  
2012-2018 **Christians in Visual Arts Organization**  
*Scribes of Hope* traveling exhibit

**PUBLISHED**

- **TOSCA Magazine** – Spring 2015, Featured Artist State of Nebraska
- **Christians in Visual Art** - January 2014, Art and the Church Blog series

June 2017, Art in the Mall blog post  
**White Stone Gallery; Philadelphia, PA** - 2014 Art & Faith Catalogue  
**The Christian Century Magazine** - December 2011, "Stable's Light" painting on front cover

## SPEAKING / WORKSHOPS

**Girl Scout Troop #28820:** Lincoln, NE – guest speaker, artist, collaborator of art making 2022  
**Zion Presbyterian Church:** Lincoln, NE- guest speaker: personal journey of art & spirituality 2019  
**Pyrtle Elementary School:** Lincoln, NE – guest artist and 8 week club leader 2018  
**Lincoln Berean Church: Lincoln, NE** – guest speaker / panel discussions / workshops 2004-2018  
**Christians in Visual Art** - Biannual Conference Track Speaker (Art & the Church) 2017  
Paper Presenter: Biannual Conference 2017  
**Creative Church Conference: Indianapolis** - speaker 2016  
**Creative Church Conference: Boise, ID** - speaker 2016

## REFERENCES

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