

Tricia Courtney

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Graphic & Fine Artist with over 40 years experience.

Rich color and bold strokes created with a palette knife and “an extreme amount of paint” are what my oils are about, but my approach to other mediums yield equally intriguing results. Over the last several years I have alternated between the graphic art world, oil & acrylic painting, and a digitally created world of fanciful, whimsical children's characters - “The Land of the Buzzlewics” and the “Zopyzeeps.”

I find that the same abilities that sustained me through 27 years as a newspaper graphic artist — working rapidly, thinking quickly, designing on a moment's notice — continue to fuel my creative style.

WORK HISTORY

FINE ARTIST | 1980-PRESENT

Courtney Studio, Joplin, MO

- Oil, acrylic, mixed media, digital design and photography
- Art workshops and presentations
- Exhibits, Shows & Gallery Representation
- Charitable work through art
- Special projects - “Angels for Joplin”, “Lemon Oak Studio”

RETAIL/EDITORIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST | 1981-2009

The Joplin Globe, Joplin, MO

- Responsible for layout designs, ads, illustrations, maps, brochures, flyers, tabloids, photography, special project research
- Web design/maintenance/photography/graphics/promotion/recruiting and maintaining relationships with artists, art organizations and businesses for the Globe's “Ozark Artists Colony” and “Arts of the Four States., which included a Historical Guide of Joplin. I also created, built and maintained the “Newspaper In Education” website.

Community Involvement

- “Beautify Joplin,” Joplin Globe Team Captain
- “Rejuvenate Joplin,” Representative, Joplin Globe

ILLUSTRATOR (freelance) | 1992-2003

S.I. International, New York City, NY (Agent for book illustration)

- Book illustrations for Scholastic, Grosset & Dunlap, Landoll Publishing and Silver Burdett & Ginn Publishing

Brand Ventures Group, Marlboro NJ (Agent for Licensing)

- Created illustrations for Ceaco Inc, American Home, Creative Horizons, F.R. Industries of California and Jesali, Inc.

GALLERY DIRECTOR | 2010-2012

Rose Gallery of Fine Art, Joplin, Missouri

- Helped with opening of new gallery from conception to completion
- Created logo and graphics for marketing
- Managed art and relationships with 40 plus artists.
- Curated & hung exhibits
- Photography of artwork for artists and media
- Built website and maintained social media

WORK HISTORY

GRAPHIC ARTIST/WEB DESIGNER 2004-2009, 2014-15

Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

- Responsible for designing, building and maintaining website
- Photography, graphics, advertising
- Newsletters, flyers, banners, exhibit promotional pieces

CHARACTER DESIGNER 1968 - Present

• “The Land of the Buzzlewics”

Created multiple cartoon characters and their personality descriptions, illustrations of their land, style guide material, pilot and stories and several mock ups for products including clothing, toys and games.

- “The Zopyzeeps” - another character line with multiple cartoon characters

SKILLS

- Photoshop
- InDesign
- Illustrator
- Dreamweaver
- Oil
- Acrylic
- Mixed Media
- Photography

EDUCATION

- Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo. 1979 (Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting)
- Central State University, Edmond, OK. 1980 (Post graduate work, Graphics)