

Carissa Watson

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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Commission Artist

2019 - present

Primarily working in oil paints, also capable in working in watercolor, pen & ink, oil pastels, and graphite. Primarily creates portraiture and figural pieces. Commissions have been my career focus since January, and will continue to do commissions for the foreseeable future.

Harding University, Searcy, AR— *Creative Director (President) for Art Club (Studio 1924)*

August 2023 - December 2023

President and Creative Director of Harding University's art club, Studio 1924. Managed and coordinated events, led meetings, and managed communication. Gained organizational and leadership skills.

Ricky Colón, club advisor/lead sponsor - (501) 473-1265

Harding University, Searcy, AR — *Front Desk Worker for Art Department*

August 2022 - May 2023

Picked up and delivered mail, performed various errands for the department.

Bonnie Manor, department secretary, and Stacey Gibson, department chair, - (501) 279-4334

Good Measure Market, Searcy, AR — *Store Associate*

August 2020 - December 2021 and during the summer & winter of May 2022 - January 2023

Helped customers with questions about products, operated a cash register, checked in inventory, stocked shelves, cleaned, and opened and closed the store.

Nancy Oliver, supervisor/owner - (501) 388-3542

Skills

Fine Art Skills

Customer Relations

Work well with others

Attention to detail in work/projects

Additional Activities

President for High School Art Club (2018 - 2019) Organized events for art club members, gave a tour to art club members at the Art Institute of Chicago, progressed leadership and speech skills

Gallery Exhibits

BAAC National Juried Exhibition - Batesville Area Arts Council Gallery, Batesville, AR (May-June 2024) Features one multi-figural oil painting in a group exhibit.

Solo Gallery Exhibit - Steven's Art Gallery, Searcy, AR (December 2023) Featured 11 oil paintings in the style of Norman Rockwell and 9 small graphite portraits.

Welcome Back Student Art Exhibit - Steven's Art Gallery, Searcy, AR (January 2023) Featured one figural oil painting in a group exhibit.

EDUCATION

Harding University, Searcy, AR — *Bachelor of Arts Degree*

August 2019 - December 2023

Fine Art Major and General Business Minor. Focus in oil painting, portraiture, and entrepreneurship.

Harding Academy, Searcy, AR — *High School Diploma*

August 2016 - May 2019

Attended 10th-12th grade. Emphasis in art and music.

White County High School Art Exhibit - Searcy Art Gallery, Searcy, AR (2017) Featured one still life oil painting in a group exhibit.