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Studied at Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design,
Vancouver, British Columbia (B.F.A, 2001)

Group Exhibitions

1998 E.C.I.A.D. Foundation Show
2001 E.C.I.A.D. Graduation Show
2004 "From the Heart" Community
Art Exhibit, Cascadian Place Retirement
Residence, Everett

Solo Exhibitions

2003 "Lake Stevens" A Portrait Series,
City Hall Exhibition, Lake Stevens

Related Projects/Experience

2002-2004 Lake Stevens Arts
Commission, One year acting Secretary
2002-2004 Artistic Director/Puppeteer
Kids On the Block-North Sound
One year of non-profit resource
management including researching and
writing grants.
2003-Ongoing Senior Center Art
Instructor, Lake Stevens
2003-2004 Customer Service employee
in Arts and Crafts retail and product
information/demonstration.
Craft Star, Lake Stevens

Artist Statement

Raised in Alaska, trained in Canada and relocated to Tacoma, my artistic development has shifted along the precarious line between portraiture and abstraction. Familiar imagery of my misty Pacific Northwest environment can not be avoided in my color palette. An old friend used to tease me by saying that I am an "automatic scientist" or rather, a doctor of humorous observation.

As I trespass through the sensitive places of human strength and weakness, I gather the personal, translating the moments that bring me closer to an understanding of how I fit into this world.

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ARTISTIC OBJECTIVE

To maintain my artistic practice through enhancing the arts in my community as well as team up with local gallery venues to gain curatorial/exhibition experience.

EXPERIENCE

Exhibitions:

- 1998 *Emily Carr Foundation Show (Group Exhibition), Vancouver, BC*
- 2001 *Emily Carr Grad Show (Group Exhibition), Vancouver, BC*
- 2003 *"Lake Stevens: A Portrait Series," City Hall Exhibit (Solo Show)*
- 2004 *"From the Heart" Community Art Show, Cascadian Place Retirement residence-Everett, Washington.*
- 2005 *"Seeing Red" Group show at The Depot, Anacortes, Washington*

2003-Present *Private/Group Art lessons* Lake Stevens, WA
Art Instructor at Lake Stevens Senior Center

- *In an open studio format, I organize lessons based on individual interest and skill.*
- *I research artists and materials that relate to student process and technique and give group workshops when requested.*
- *Influence and expose students through encouragement and support.*

2002-2004 *Lake Stevens Arts Commission* Lake Stevens, WA
Member/One year acting secretary

- *Helped develop an artistic identity for small community.*
- *Assisted local artists by helping to install work for City Hall exhibitions.*
- *Volunteered for annual judging of "Chalk It Up" drawing contest.*

EDUCATION

1997-2001 *Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design Vancouver, BC*

- *B.F.A. General Fine Arts Degree*
- *Academic studies at Capilano College, North Vancouver, Canada.*

INTERESTS/OTHER RELATED

Two years of Non-profit resource management, grant writing and Artistic Direction experience at Kids On the Block-North Sound

Educational Puppetry troupe.

Recently, I became a member of the Tacoma Art Museum to show support of local art resources.
