

Jim Elias

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My art career was planted at the University of South Dakota where I studied fine art photography and graphic design. From there I embarked on my first career in advertising. Twenty-five years later, I became a Business Professor.

I began painting professionally in 2016 while still teaching. As a painter, I have completed dozens of commissions and have produced hundreds of paintings from representational to abstract.

My original paintings and photographs capture simple elements of God's masterpiece as seen through one man's eye. I create abstracts and landscapes with color and shapes to push your imagination to see God's greatness.

Art Business Experience

Gallerist, Owner, Artist – Sunrise River Gallery, 2016 - Present

Founded and manage two fine art galleries in Muscatine and Davenport, Iowa. Represent over a dozen artists from Eastern Iowa. Champion youth and community art activities. Lead classes, training seminars and activities using art as the foundation. In 2018, I curated and installed over 300 pieces of art in the new Merrill Hotel.

Education

MBA, Marketing / Management - 2004
St. Ambrose University

BS, Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication; Fine Art minor - 1982
The University of South Dakota

Exhibition History

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| 2024 | Solo Show - Muscatine Art Center coming Fall 2024, Muscatine, Iowa |
| 2024 | ArtArray 24 - Muscatine County Arts Council / Muscatine Art Center -, Muscatine, Iowa |
| 2024 | Solo Show "Mind Vortex & A Painter's Journey" - Main Street Art Gallery of Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa - |
| 2023 | Solo Show "Beyond the Sunrise" - Creations by Oz - Muscatine, Iowa |
| 2023 | Plein Air at the Fair - Iowa State Fair Plein Air Competition, Des Moines, Iowa |
| 2023 | Iowa State Fair Creative Arts Exhibit - Des Moines, Iowa |
| 2023 | ArtArray 23 - Muscatine County Arts Council / Muscatine Art Center Muscatine, Iowa |
| 2021 | Abstract Intent - Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA |
| 2021 | MuscaPalooza – Muscatine, IA |
| 2021 | Dad Art - Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA |
| 2021 | Spring's First Blooms - Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA |
| 2018 | Sunrise River Gallery - Different Strokes: Journey into the Abstract, Muscatine, IA |
| 2016 | Canvus Art Gallery - Grand Opening, Muscatine, IA |
| 2016 | Heritage Church - The Artist, Rock Island, IL |
| 2013 | Muscatine County Fair - Photography Show, West Liberty, IA |
| 1982 | John A. Day Gallery, University of South Dakota - Student Awards Exhibition, Vermillion, SD |

Collections

Cold Clam Harvest. The Merrill Hotel. Muscatine, IA public collection acquired 2018

Sunrise River, Sunnybrook Assisted Living, Muscatine, IA public collection donated 2017

Valor, Letts Public Library, Letts, IA public collection donated 2016

Courthouse, Moorehead House Museum/Ida County Historical Society, Ida Grove, IA public collection donated 2010

Numerous pieces held in private collections: Muscatine, IA; Davenport, IA; Bettendorf, IA; Coralville, IA; Odebolt, IA
Oklahoma City, OK; La Crosse, WI; Dallas, TX; Ida Grove, IA; Westminster, CO; Palo Alto, CA; Cebu City, Philippines,

Curatorial Projects

2021 *Dad Art*, Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA

2021 *Random 5x7Art Challenge & Show*, Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA

2021 *Spring's First Blooms* Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA

2021 *MCC Student Art Show*, Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine, IA

2019 *Dawn-to-Dusk Photo Contest* , Sunrise Galleries, Muscatine and Davenport, IA

2018 *Different Strokes: Journey into the Abstract*, Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

2018 *Muscatine Story*, The Merrill Hotel, Muscatine, IA

2017 *MHS Art Club Gallery Show*, Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

2017 *Early Works by Lee White MFA*, Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

Community-Building Art Projects

2017 *Muscatine Rocks Mosaic Project*, Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

2017 *Collaborative Art Painting Experience*, Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

2017 *Holiday Stroll Live Painting*, Downtown Muscatine, IA

2017 *2nd Saturday Arts & Music Festival*, Downtown Muscatine, IA

2017 *Harry Potter Festival Live Painting Demonstration*, Muscatine Community College, Muscatine, IA

2017 *Girls Getaway Weekend Collaborative Painting Workshops*, Downtown Muscatine, IA

2017 *Fran Riley Features: Student Spotlight*, KWQC-TV at Sunrise River Gallery, Muscatine, IA

2017 *Elementary Art Show Judge*, Muscatine Community College Phi Theta Kappa, Muscatine, IA

2016 *2nd Saturday Arts & Music Festival*, Downtown Muscatine, IA

2012-13 *4-H Art Show Judge*, West Liberty, IA