

David Jay Spyker – Curriculum Vitae

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"I do not believe a painting should be only about emotional expression and feeling, or that it should be exclusively symbolic and intellectual; a great painting uses a rich balance of deep emotion and inspired, personal meaning to affect the viewer on many levels simultaneously."

Birthplace:

Rochester, New York (Now residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan)

Education:

While David Jay Spyker studied locally for brief periods, he is mostly self-taught through critical study of the works of the world's most skilled artists. The modern painter has the luxury of being able to study hundreds of years of paintings, drawings, sculpture, architecture, and writings on art, and he takes full advantage of that luxury; he feels it is perhaps the best way to learn advanced technique, composition, and use of color.

Exhibitions:

Solo Exhibitions:

2003/04 - South Bend Museum of Art; South Bend, Indiana, USA

2002 - Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas, Michigan, USA
- "Mythos", Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA

2001 - Wood Street Gallery and Sculpture Garden; Chicago, Illinois, USA

1999 - The Nines Gallery; Holland, Michigan, USA

1996 - Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Dumont Gallery; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

Group Exhibitions (not including art competitions):

2007 - Constance Petter Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan, USA

2006 - Joyce Petter Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan, USA

2005 - Joyce Petter Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, Michigan, USA

2004 - Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas, Michigan, USA

2002 - Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas, Michigan, USA

2001 - "Small Packages" Wood Street Gallery and Sculpture Garden; Chicago, Illinois, USA
- "Past/Present: Twenty-Year Retrospective Exhibition", Fontana Festival of Music and Art; Shelbyville, Michigan, USA

2000 - "Past as Prologue: Emerging Landscape Painters" (three-person show), Grand Rapids Art Museum; Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
- "Small Packages", Wood Street Gallery and Sculpture Garden; Chicago, Illinois, USA
- "Petite Art by Colossal Artists", Small Format Invitational, The Nines Gallery; Holland, Michigan, USA

- 1999 - "Petite Art by Colossal Artists", Small Format Invitational, The Nines Gallery; Holland, Michigan, USA
- "Prairie Narratives", 1999 Fontana Festival of Music and Art; Shelbyville, Michigan, USA
- "Realms of the Subconscious: Post-Modern Surrealists" (five-person show), The Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

- 1998 - "Seen from the Other Side (visions)" (four person show), Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University; Chicago, Illinois, USA

- 1998 - The Nines Gallery; Holland, Michigan, USA

- 1997 - Dumont Gallery; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 1996 - Dumont Gallery; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 1995 - Dumont Gallery; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
- Inner Images Gallery (two person show); Portage, Michigan, USA

- 1994 - John Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' Corporate Benefactor Program

- 1993 - Allied Capital Corporation, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' Corporate Benefactor Program

- Ongoing Since 1995 - Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' "Artreach" traveling exhibit program; Southwest Michigan

Competitions:

- 2010 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- West Michigan Regional Competition, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, Michigan, USA

- 2009 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

- 2006 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

- 2005 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA

- 2003 - Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA

- 2002 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- 2002 Biennial, Fort Wayne Museum of Art; Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

- 2001 - Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA

- 2000 - Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
- The Holland Friends of Art 37th Annual Exhibition, Holland Area Arts Council; Holland, Michigan, USA
- 72nd Annual Regional Fine Art Competition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA

- 1999 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

- 1998 - Paw Paw Art Association, Juried Area Show; Paw Paw, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- National Juried All Media Exhibition, Paint Creek Center for the Arts; Rochester, Michigan, USA

- 1997 - 10th Annual Michigan Art Competition, Holland Area Arts Council; Holland, Michigan, USA
- Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 1996 - 9th Annual Michigan Art Competition, Holland Area Arts Council; Holland, Michigan, USA
- Paw Paw Art Association, Juried Area Show; Paw Paw, Michigan, USA
- Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 1995 - 8th Annual Michigan Art Competition, Holland Area Arts Council; Holland, Michigan, USA
- 2nd Biennial "Hands-On!" Exhibit, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 1994 - Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA
- 1993 - 1st Biennial "Hands-On!" Exhibit, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts; Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

Awards and Honors:

- 2006 - The Martin Maddox Prize for Imaginative Realist Painting, Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

- 2003 - Artist's Honorarium, South Bend Museum of Art; South Bend, Indiana, USA

- 2002 - Artist's Honorarium, 2002 Biennial, Fort Wayne Museum of Art; Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

- 2001 - First Place, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Regional Fine Arts Competition; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA (Juror: Vince Torano, Professor of Art, Western Michigan University)

- 2000 - Pharmacia Corporation Purchase Award, 21st Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- Award of Merit, The Holland Friends of Art 37th Annual Exhibition, Holland Area Arts Council; Holland, Michigan, USA
- Artist's Honorarium, Grand Rapids Art Museum; Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA

- 1999 - Second Place, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Regional Fine Arts Competition; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA (Juror Karl H. Wolter, Professor of Art, Michigan State University)
- Award of Merit (4th place), 20th Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, MI (Juror: Tara Robinson, Curator/Coordinator of Exhibitions, Detroit Institute of Arts)

- 1998 - Award for Artistic Excellence (2nd place), 19th Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA (Juror: Tim Lowly, Artist and Educator)
- First Place, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Regional Fine Arts Competition; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA (Juror: Mark A. Francisco, Director, Midland Art Center; Midland, MI)
- Artist's Honorarium, North Park University; Chicago, Illinois, USA

- 1997 - Best of Show, Holland Area Arts Council, 10th Annual Michigan Art Competition; Holland, Michigan, USA (Juror: Jerry Peart, Artist)
- Award of Merit, 18th Michigan Artist's Competition Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA (Juror: Julia Muney Moore, Director of Exhibitions and Artist Services Indianapolis Art Center)

- 1996 - Second Place, Paw Paw Art Association Juried Area Show; Paw Paw, Michigan, USA (Juror: Martha Mayer- Erlebacher, Artist and Educator)

Collections:

- Grand Rapids Art Museum; Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA
- Carnegie Center for the Arts; Three Rivers, Michigan, USA
- Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, Michigan, USA
- South Bend Museum of Art; South Bend, Indiana, USA
- Pfizer Corporation
- Numerous private collections nationwide.