

# David Jay Spyker – Curriculum Vitae

**Birthplace:** Rochester, New York (Now residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan)

**Education:** Self-taught.

## **Awards and Honors:**

- 2016 - Juror Award, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, Michigan
- 2015 - Donna Balavitch Memorial Award, Winter Art Festival Competition, Gallery Uptown, Grand Haven, MI
- 2014 - Best of Show, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, Michigan
- 2013 - Honorable Mention, Michiana Annual Artist Competition (11<sup>th</sup> MAAC), Box Factory for the Arts; St. Joseph, MI  
- Southwest Michigan Watercolor Society Award, Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek; Battle Creek, MI
- 2012 - First Place, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI  
- Second Place, Michiana Annual Artist Competition (10<sup>th</sup> MAAC), Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI
- 2006 - The Martin Maddox Prize for Imaginative Realist Painting, Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 - Artist's Honorarium, South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN
- 2002 - Artist's Honorarium, 2002 Biennial, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2001 - Best of Show, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI
- 2000 - Pharmacia Corporation Purchase Award, Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek, MI  
- Award of Merit, The Holland Friends of Art 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Holland Area Arts Council, Holland, MI  
- Artist's Honorarium, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1999 - Second Place, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts Three Rivers, MI  
- Fourth Place, 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI  
(Juror: Tara Robinson, Curator/Coordinator of Exhibitions, Detroit Institute of Arts)
- 1998 - Second Place, 19<sup>th</sup> Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI  
(Juror: Tim Lowly, Artist and Educator)  
- Best of Show, Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI  
(Juror: Mark A. Francisco, Director, Midland Art Center, Midland, MI)  
- Artist's Honorarium, North Park University; Chicago, IL
- 1997 - Best of Show, Holland Area Arts Council, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Art Competition; Holland, MI  
(Juror: Jerry Peart, Artist)  
- Award of Merit, 18<sup>th</sup> Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI  
(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 (Juror: Martha Mayer-Erlebacher, Artist and Art Educator)

## **Solo Exhibitions:**

- 2015 - Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas/Saugatuck, MI
- 2014 - "Eighteen Years", Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI  
- "At the Water's Edge", Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI
- 2012 - "Memory, Essence, Mystery", Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI
- 2003/04 - South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN
- 2002 - Mixed Media Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, MI  
- "Mythos", Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI
- 2001 - Wood Street Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Chicago, IL
- 1999 - The Nines Gallery, Holland, MI
- 1996 - Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI  
- Dumont Gallery, Kalamazoo, MI

## **Collections:**

- Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, Indiana
- Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Carnegie Center for the Arts (two pieces in collection), Three Rivers, Michigan
- Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, Michigan
- Pfizer Corporation, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- Numerous private collections nationwide.

## **Group Exhibitions** (excluding art competitions):

- 2015 - "Birds of a Feather", Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas/Saugatuck, MI
- "The Color of Water", Mixed Media Gallery, Douglas/Saugatuck, MI
- "The Great Lakes", Portage District Library, Portage, MI
- 2014 - "Deep Thaw", Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI
- "Double Take: Artists Respond to the Collection", Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2013 - "Copley to Kentridge: What's New in the Collection?", Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- Small Works Group Show, Ninth Wave Studio, Kalamazoo, MI
- October Group Show, Ninth Wave Studio, Kalamazoo, MI
- "Birds", Portage District Library, Portage, MI
- 2012 - "Winter Landscapes", Portage District Library, Portage, MI
- 2011 - "Made in America: Contemporary and Historical Art From the Permanent Collection", South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN
- 2010 - "Railroad Days", Portage District Library, Portage, MI
- 2007 - Constance Petter Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, MI
- 2006, 2005 - Joyce Petter Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, MI
- 2004, 2003, 2002 - Mixed Media Gallery, Saugatuck/Douglas, MI
- 2002 - 2002 Biennial, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2001 - "Past/Present: Twenty-Year Retrospective Exhibition", Fontana Festival of Music and Art, Shelbyville, MI
- 2001, 2000 - "Small Packages" Wood Street Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Chicago, IL
- 2000 - "Past as Prologue: Emerging Landscape Painters" (three-person show), Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2000, 1999 - "Petite Art by Colossal Artists", Small Format Invitational, The Nines Gallery, Holland, MI
- 1999 - "Prairie Narratives", Fontana Festival of Music and Art, Shelbyville, MI
- "Realms of the Subconscious: Post-Modern Surrealists" (five-person show), The Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI
- 1998 - "Seen from the Other Side (visions)" (four person show), Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University, Chicago, IL
- The Nines Gallery, Holland, MI
- 1997, 1996, 1995 - Dumont Gallery, Kalamazoo, MI
- 1995 - Inner Images Gallery (two person show), Portage, MI
- Ongoing Since 1995 - Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' "Artreach" traveling exhibit program, Southwest Michigan
- 1995, 1993 - "Hands-On!", Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 1994 - John Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' Corporate Benefactor Program, MI
- 1993 - Allied Capital Corporation, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' Corporate Benefactor Program, MI

## **Competitions** (annuals):

- 2016-2009, 2006, 2005, 2003-1996 - Regional Fine Arts Competition, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI
- 2015, 2014 - Richeson 75: Small Works, Richeson School of Art & Gallery, Kimberly, WI

2015, 2000 - 72nd Annual Regional Fine Art Competition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI  
2015, 2013, 2012 - Michiana Annual Artist Competition, Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI  
2015 - Winter Art Festival Competition, Gallery Uptown, Grand Haven, MI  
2014 - 5th Annual Great Lakes Juried Show, 5-State Competition, South Haven Center for the Arts, South Haven, MI  
2014-2013, 2011, 2009, 2006, 2003, 2001-1997 - Michigan Artist's Competition, Art Center of Battle Creek, MI  
2013 - ArtPrize, St. Cecilia Music Center, Terryberry Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI  
2010 - West Michigan Regional Competition, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI  
2006, 2001, 2000, 1997, 1996, 1994 - Kalamazoo Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI  
2000 - The Holland Friends of Art 37th Annual Exhibition, Holland Area Arts Council, Holland, MI  
1998, 1996 - Paw Paw Art Association, Juried Area Show, Paw Paw, MI  
1998 - National Juried All Media Exhibition, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI  
1997, 1996, 1995 - Annual Michigan Art Competition, Holland Area Arts Council, Holland, MI

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