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Curriculum Vitae

Pamela Kirkham graduated from Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, Michigan. From a class, which originally numbered 150 students, she graduated as 1 of 12 worthy of graduating as illustrators in her class.

The artist has lived in and created murals in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Michigan, where she executed 20 murals in churches, businesses, and homes. Pamela's designs for painting two, life-size, fiberglass bison were chosen by the Nature Conservancy in Oklahoma to be painted as part of a fundraiser to benefit the survival of Bison. One buffalo was commissioned by the Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City and the other by the Harris Foundation, Oklahoma City. Photos of her buffalo have been published in the book, *Spirit of the Buffalo* by Linda Millier Bosteels (<https://www.amazon.com/Spirit-Buffalo-Oklahomas-Past-Future/dp/1885596588>).

She returned to Michigan 16 years ago where she currently is a full-time professional fine artist working in acrylics on canvas. She participated in the largest art competition in the world, ArtPrize, in 2014 & 2015. Most recently, she displayed her work at the Swiss Art Expo Zürich, Switzerland for a second time; The Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL; and The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the Webster's Prime in the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI. Pamela's work can be found in many private art collections world-wide.

Education

Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, Michigan – Graduated with major in Illustration
Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania – Bachelor of Science, Associates Degree in Graphic Design

Group Shows

ArtBox Project Zürich, Switzerland 2.0 at the Swiss Art Expo 2020
ArtBox Project Zürich, Switzerland 1.0 at the Swiss Art Expo 2019
ArtBox Project New York 1.0 at the Stricoff Gallery, New York City and facilitated by the ArtBox Gallery, Zürich, Switzerland - 2018
ArtPrize Grand Rapids, Michigan – 2014, 2015

Selected Solo Exhibitions

Consumers Credit Union – Kalamazoo, MI
The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo, MI
Diekema Hamann Architects – Kalamazoo, MI
Webster's Prime at The Radisson Plaza Hotel – Kalamazoo, MI
Buchanan Art Center – Buchanan, MI
The Artworks Gallery – The Woodlands, TX
Nueces Street Gallery – Austin, TX
West Chaco Gallery – Aztec, NM

Continuous Exhibits

The Early Bird Eatery – Bridgman, MI
Toh-Atin Gallery – Durango, CO
Farm Bureau Insurance – Bridgman, MI

Artist-in-Residence

Oklahoma Arts Council, statewide art educator

Nominated

New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts

Art in Public Places, 1% for the Arts – New Mexico

Purchase: Mural, *We Are One*, by Bloomfield School District (Charlie Y. Brown Secondary School)
Purchase: Mural, *Safety City Mural*, by Farmington Police Department
Purchase: Original mixed media piece, *Visitation of the Hopi Spirits*, by San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico

Awards

Southwest Biological Photographers' Association Show – Albuquerque, New Mexico

Award: Best of Show

Award: First Place, Natural Science Illustration

Whirpool Art Exhibition – St. Joseph, Michigan

Award: Best of Show

Northwest New Mexico Arts Council Regional Juried Show – Farmington, New Mexico

Award: Second Place, All Media

Riverfest – Farmington, New Mexico

Award: Second Place, Oils and Acrylics

Invited Juror

Totah Festival Fine Art Exhibitions – Farmington, New Mexico (five years)

Invited Artist

The Day Studio Group, San Francisco, California – Murals for renovation of the Enid Symphony Center, Enid, Oklahoma

Studied Under

Robert Divita, Sandra Ringlever, and Curtis Johnson - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rob Hubble - Santa Fe, New Mexico

Selected Corporate/College Permanent Collections

Berrien County Cancer Services, Inc. – Stevensville, Michigan

Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation – The Woodlands, Texas

The Whitley Company – Houston, Texas

Color Tech – Dallas, Texas

San Juan Regional Medical Center and the Cancer Treatment Center – Farmington, New Mexico

San Juan College – Farmington, New Mexico

Selected Private Collections

Mr. Matthew Taylor – Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts

Mr. Garrett Rose – Brighton, Massachusetts

Dr. Lynn Hayes, P.H.D. – Austin, Texas

Mrs. Amy Symons Russell– Denver, Colorado

Mr. Bill Marone, - Saint Joseph, Michigan

Mr. & Mrs. Rockford Coscia – Scarsdale, New York

Mr. & Mrs. Otis Halverson – Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mrs. Vern Schroeder – Aiken, Minnesota

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Breon – Iowa City, Iowa

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin B. Steinberg – Baltimore, Maryland

Additional Information

WNIT Television Interview link:

<http://www.wnit.org/expmichiana/e/july-17th-2015.html#segment=4>

Pecha Kucha means "chit, chat" and presentations are going on all over the world. It originated in Japan and was created to teach people how to make concise, effective, PowerPoint presentations on anything they are passionate about. Parameters for Pecha Kucha are 10 presenters, each showing 20 slides and speaking no more than 20 seconds on each slide. My presentation was about the new series, "Fight or Flight". Detail pictures from larger paintings were shown and it was a really fun night and very educational experience for me.

Here's a link to my Pecha Kucha presentation:

<http://www.pechakucha.org/cities/st-joseph/presentations/fight-or-flight>

ArtPrize link:

<https://www.artprize.org/pamela-kirkham>

Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/kirkhamfinearts>

Twitter link:

<https://twitter.com/PamelaRKirkham>