

HOLLY COMBS

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"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." - Edgar Degas

About Holly

My objective is to use visual art as a gateway in leading young minds to notice the unnoticed and awaken a sense of wonder about their environment.

I graduated in 2001 from Herron School of Art with honors with a BFA in Visual Communications and a minor in Art History. I am married and have two beautiful children Alden, age 4 and Seaira, age 6. My husband and I have published an internationally distributed urban art magazine, PEEL, and have co-authored a book about stickers as art, PEEL: The Art of the Sticker. I owned and curated an urban contemporary art gallery, Alias, in historic Fountain Square for about one year. I **currently** teach at Northpoint Elementary, a homeschool co-op in Indianapolis. I have also have recently been accepted into the Young Audiences roster for 2009-10.

My appreciation for art began at an early age. I love the opportunity to pass on my enthusiasm for art to a younger generation of budding artists. I think of art as a universal language giving us the ability to visually communicate with people of many different cultures. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and sharing my excitement for art with them.

Work Experience

Heartland Church

1/2009 - present

Mural painting for Adventure Land / Logo design / Parenting Manual design

Young Audiences Professional Teaching Artist

5/2009 - Present www.yaindy.org, Indianapolis, IN / www.streetstylesinfo.com

Program – Street Styles Teaching respect through an artistic approach.

Exact Target Mural Artist 08 and 09 Gibson Building 4th floor

Art Teacher

8/2008 - 2009 **Burden Bearers** Homeschool Co-op, Indianapolis, IN

- Teaching art classes for 4th through 12th grade students.

Creative Director / Curator

12/2003 - Present **PEEL magazine**, Indianapolis, IN

- Co-founded PEEL Magazine, the first print magazine documenting urban street art with a focus on stickers, Creative Director from 2003-2008.
- Co-authored **PEEL: The Art of the Sticker**, which features highlights from the first eight issues of PEEL Magazine.
- Curated **Alias Gallery** to show urban art at the Murphy Art Center in Fountain Square on the Southeast side of Indianapolis from 2007-2008.

Art Teacher (Litterbug Workshop)

9/2006 - 1/2008 **Montessori Children's Garden**, Indianapolis, IN

- Taught "Litterbug" project to Pre-K through 4th grade students. Guided students in creating their own unique Litterbug from flattened discarded cans. Project focused on recycling, creative decision-making, and titling a work of art. Curated an exhibition of student art to raise money for the schools' art programs.



PRESS / MEDIA
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2003-2009

.net Sep 2003
How Magazine Feb 2004
Canadian National Post Jan 2004
Australian Design (Desktop) Aug. 04
Radio interview with NPR
 Chicago April 05
Style.com Vogue (style notes) 2005
 Street Art write up for
TIME magazine October 2005
Boston News June 2005
New York Times May 15 2005
Dynamic Graphics Aug 2005
Cat Fight April 2006
Marmalade 2006
Modart April 2006
Indianapolis Monthly Oct 2006
Venus Sep 2006
Associated Press June 2007
Nuvo July 2007
INTake cover oct 2007
Juxtapoz 2008
Amazon 2008
Wall Street Journal
 Cover story 4/2009
World Update BBC London
 Radio Interview 4/2009

Girls' Development Director

2/2002 - 7/2003 **K.I.D.S. Inc.**, Indianapolis, IN

- Mentored inner-city middle school and high school girls through personal relationships to teach positive life decision making skills.

Assistant Membership Coordinator

10/1998 - 11/2000 **Children's Museum** of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

- Scheduled group visits and special events including workshops. Assisted museum guests to resolve problems. Coordinated membership promotion drives.

Education

8/1995 - 5/2001 **Herron School of Art / Visual Communications**, Indianapolis, IN

- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduated with honors
- Minor in Art History
- Dean's list
- Senior Show Design winner

8/1991 - 5/1995 **Avon High School**, Avon, IN

- High School Diploma
- 1995 Art Student of the Year

Skills

Skill Name	Experience
▪ Student-specific Teaching	Currently used/ 10
▪ Event Planning	Currently used/ 33
▪ Inspirational Living	Currently used/ 33
▪ Organization	Currently used/ 15
▪ Photography	Currently used/ 15
▪ PhotoShop	Currently used/ 8
▪ Singing	Currently used/ 29
▪ Art Directions	Currently used/ 10

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