

# **LEIGH HARRISON**

# Artist and Art Educator

## **PERSONAL PROFILE**

With more than twenty-five years of multifaceted artistic exploration, my work is driven by a desire to convey the profound revelations that light, growth, hope, and restoration bring to our world. I seek to illuminate both its inherent beauty and its enduring challenges, inviting viewers to reflect on the transformative power of these elements. Beyond creating, I am committed to guiding others on their artistic journeys through teaching diverse techniques across various mediums, inspiring a shared passion for art and its capacity to inspire joy and understanding.

## **HONORS & SHOWS**

Richardson Art Teacher Association Group Show – October - December 2025
First Friday Art Trail group show, Flourishing – September 2025
First Friday Art Trail group show, Circles of Transformation: Matter, Migration and Metamorphoses – September 2024
Solutions of North Toyas Fundrairor, Featured Artist – April 2024

Solutions of North Texas Fundraiser Featured Artist – April 2024 Arts Council of Fort Worth Biennial Show - March 2016 Edom Art Gallery for the Edom Arts Festival - October 18-19, 2014 Chase's Place Art Gala - March 2014, 2015 & 2017

Alley's House Annual Fundraising Luncheon - October 2014

Plano Art Association's 2014 "125 Show" (Juried) - April 28-May 17 2014

• Placed 2nd in two-dimensional artworks
PCPC Justice and Mercy Art Show (Juried) - November 8-17, 2013
Plano Art Association's 2013 "125 Show" (Juried) - March 21-April 11 2013
Incrementum III, Alley's House 9th Annual Art Gala - February 2013
Incrementum III, Alley's House 8th Annual Art Gala - February 2012
Bonny Studio Student Art Show - October 2011 & 2012

# **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Traditional Methods:
Oil Paint
Encaustic
Charcoal, Pencil, Color Pencil and Pastel
Acrylic
Photography

## CONTACT

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# **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

#### Artis

Oil paintings and mixed-media works.

- · Paint during live events -- can finish painting within set time.
- Commissioned to create a set of artwork for a leadership program.
   2 years in a row.
- · Successfully sold art since 2014.

#### Art Educator

Richardson ISD | August 2024 - Present

Art Teacher -- Art 1. Art 1 Advanced, Art 2 Drawing, AP Art History-Richardson High School

Duncanville ISD | August 2017 - May 2024

Art Teacher -- Art 1. Art 1 Advanced, Art 2, AP Art History-Duncanville High School Art Teacher – Daniel Intermediate (5th & 6th)

Art Teaching Certification EC- 12th, ESL Certified, GT Trained

### The Encaustic Center | August 2017- December 2024

- Teach and facilitate the beginner encaustic painting workshop as well as intermediate techniques such as collage, monotypes and incorporating found materials and 3D elements.
- · Class size ranges from 2-8 adult students.

# Umbrella Gallery | September 2019 - January 2024

 $\label{lem:committee} Committee \ director-curated \ shows, assisted \ artists \ on \ installation, promotion, and \ art \ sales.$ 

# Graphic Designer

Employed and Freelance | 1990-2001, 2015-2017

 Designed and produced marketing materials, company brands, online and printed illustrations, websites, newsletter and magazine publications.

## **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Master of Art Education – estimated graduation December 2026

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Liberal Arts

The Art Institute of Dallas
Associates of Arts in Graphic Design

