

# LEIGH HARRISON

*Artist and Art Educator*

## PERSONAL PROFILE

With more than twenty-five years of diverse artistic experience, my mission is to create art that shares my interpretation of what light reveals in our world -- both the beauty as well as the challenges. I also help others in their artistic journey by teaching the techniques of various mediums as well as inspire a joy of art appreciation.

## HONORS & SHOWS

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

## GET IN TOUCH WITH ME:

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## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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

Digital Art:  
Photoshop  
Photography

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

### *Artist*

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*

**Duncanville ISD** | August 2017 - Present

Art Teacher -- Art 1, Art 1 Advanced, Art 2 -- Duncanville High School

- Teach art techniques, the creative process and art history according to the Texas Education Agency standards.
- Art Teaching Certification EC- 12th, ESL Certified, GT Trained
- 2 years at Daniel Intermediate (5th & 6th).

**The Encaustic Center** | August 2017- Present

- 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 - Present

Committee member overseeing art education for the gallery.

- Create art interactive activities related to current exhibit for students 1st-12th grade.
- Support gallery events.
- Contribute to the conversation with other gallery committee members on artist proposals and determining which artists are invited to exhibit work.
- Contribute to the social media posts as it relates to art education.

### *Graphic Designer*

Employed and Freelance | 1990-2001

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

## ACADEMIC HISTORY

### *Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas*

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science in Liberal Arts  
More than 30 hours of studio art and art history courses.

### *The Art Institute of Dallas*

Associates of Arts in Graphic Design

### *Continuing Education*

- Art Intensive, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly MA 2021
- Painting (encaustic, oil, cold wax) and Mixed Media Workshops with various teaching artists. 2008-Present
- Alternative Teaching Certification, Region 10, Dallas TX 2017