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TIMM ETTERS

Like many artists, Timm has been drawing for as long as he could hold a pencil. He was born in November 1968 and grew up in the town of Cary, Illinois. It was in the third grade that he knew he wanted to be an artist when he grew up. It was also during that time that he was found to have red-green colour blindness. He won several art awards during his years in grade school, and sold his first drawing while in the seventh grade. While in his junior year in high school, he was faced with battling cancer. Since that time Timm Etters has been best known for his murals in the Chicagoland suburban schools and churches. With 284 original commissioned murals in over 150 different schools, Timm has touched millions of lives through his art every day.

While painting in the schools, he invites students to the mural to encourage them to write about what they see

and feel; to free their minds to create. In addition he taught Art classes through his Artist-in-Residence Program. He teaches the technical, emotional and financial facets of making a living as an artist, with the emphasis on the latter two. Many schools, including colleges & art schools do not prepare artists for the "business" side of art, specifically the pricing of your work and living on a budget. This is a subject Timm covers with students to better prepare them with what to do once their artwork has been completed.

Since the age of sixteen, Timm has made his art career. He has primarily used the airbrush as his tool choice. His portfolio includes murals, portraits, vehicles, book covers, illustrations, logo design, web graphics and much more. The pencil is his all-time favourite tool as it does not conflict with his colour blindness. In 1996 Timm teamed up with Badger Airbrush endorsing

their Anthem 155 model airbrush. He has worked with Badger testing new tools and equipment as they stay ahead of the curve in their manufacturing of top-quality, American-made art supplies.

Living with lifelong illnesses, Timm understands obstacles and applies those life lessons to his work. Timm has advised young and old alike to surround themselves with positive people and a positive attitude as much as possible. He spent many hours working with students of all ages, from all walks of life. Because of the positive impact of so many people in Timm's life, he has given back to the lives of many by sharing his story, his paintings and spreading a positive message to all he meets. He teaches kids that when it comes to pursuing dreams there will be obstacles and that perseverance, integrity and hard work will often times result in the realisation of those goals.



