

Profile

Accomplished professional artist with a successful track record of creating meaningful and well-received public art. Possesses a rare blend of artistic creativity and business acumen, combined with a proven ability to work collaboratively with engineers, designers, artists, and members of the public to create memorable work. Flexible professional who is comfortable working in all styles. Holds MFA and has extensive teaching experience.

Professional Referrals

"I wanted to extend my appreciation for your excellent work..... I consider your work a major contribution to the success of this project ... thank you for a job well done!"

Eric W. Schreiner, Contract Manager for Hunt Construction

"The murals look spectacular and add tremendously to the image of our project ... you made my job so much easier and we will be sure to call you for our next mural."

Michael Pione, Project Manager, Nationwide Realty Investors

"We commissioned Barbara to create a wall mural ... (she) utilized her artistic talents to greatly improve our concept ... the finished product exceeded our expectations; we would utilize her again and recommend her services to anyone."

Thomas K. Hoekzema, Former Chief Operating Officer, BMG Direct.

Experience

STAHL STUDIOS INC. (Certified WBE)
FOUNDER & ARTIST

1992 – Present

Built this thriving business from scratch. Developed and implemented business and marketing plans, and manage ongoing finances and business development. Secure new projects, maintain positive client relationships, hire contractors and oversee all projects. Coordinate with engineers, project managers and designers, and assist in obtaining government approvals where necessary. Grew revenues each year as a result of repeat business and referrals from satisfied clients including Indiana Pacers, Columbus Blue Jackets, BMG Entertainment and Indianapolis Parks and Recreation.

Selected project highlights:

- Originally commissioned to paint and develop stylistic display ads for Conseco Fieldhouse. Painted more than 30 6x8' mini murals on the brick walls of this retro-styled arena. Subsequently appointed for painting and annual maintenance of 35'x70' Pacer Schedule Wall located outside of the main entrance pavilion. (1999-present).
- Appointed for five out of the last six years to create murals for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Incorporated. Most recently, led project in conjunction with Girls Incorporated of Indianapolis, working with 42 girls (ages 6-13) to create a Goddess mural titled "Strong, Smart and Bold" which is prominently located on the canal in downtown Indianapolis.
- Designed and created 100 x 12 ft wall art for BMG Direct; convinced company to expand original concept and solicited ideas from employees in order to create a memorable mural which was featured on the nightly news.
- Selected to create drawings and watercolors for the Caracol archeological project in Belize, Central America. Spent 10 weeks on-site creating artwork that belongs to the University of Central Florida and is on permanent display at the Caracol Visitor Center in Belize.

Teaching

Taught drawing, painting and color theory to classes of up to 22. Planned curricula, led classes and organized activities. Created a positive and open learning environment for all students.

INTERLOCHEN ARTS ACADEMY, SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM, Interlochen, MI, 1993 – 1996
Painting Department Head, High School Painting, Intermediate Painting

HERRON SCHOOL OF ART, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, 1993 – 1995
Instructor, Foundation Drawing, Color Theory, 2D Design

INDIANAPOLIS ART LEAGUE, Indianapolis, IN, 1992 – 1993
Instructor, Abstract Drawing and Painting

SAMUEL FLEISCHER ART MEMORIAL, Philadelphia, PA, 1990 – 1991
Instructor, Advanced Painting, Symbolism and Allegory

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA, 1989
Instructor, Painting I

Education

MFA, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (1991)

BFA, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (1988)

Indiana University Summer Program, Florence, Italy

Exhibitions

Gallery 22, Indianapolis, IN - Aspects of Erotica, 2002

Carocol Visitors Center, Belize, Central America – UCF, Permanent Exhibition, 1999

IN VIVO Gallery, Indianapolis, IN – Recent Works, 1995

Interlochen Gallery, Interlochen, MI – Faculty Exhibition, 1994

American State Art Competition, Indianapolis, IN – Groups Show, 1993

Philomethian Society Gallery, Philadelphia, PA – One Woman Show, 1993

Peters Restaurant, Indianapolis, IN – One Woman Show, 1992

AIDS Benefit Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA – Group Show, 1992

Meyerson Gallery, Philadelphia, PA – Thesis Exhibition, 1991

Media

Channel 13 News - "BMG Tribute to Musical Artist"

Indianapolis Star - "Artist Lets Drab Area Hear Call of the Wild"

Indianapolis News – "Mural at Center Honors Black Abolitionist"

Frankfort Times – "Southside Students STREACH to bring Art to the Classroom"

Indianapolis Star – "An Angle Among Us"

Pharos Tribune – "Mural Painting"

Indianapolis Star – "Deck the Halls with Lots of Learning"

Publications

Arien F. Chase and Diane Z. Chase – 1996, *Maya Multiples: Individuals, Entries and Tombs in Structure A34 of Caracol Belize*, *Latin American Antiquity* 7(1): 61 – 79 (figure 7, page 69).

Arien F. Chase and Diane Z. Chase – 1996, *The Organization and Composition of Lowland Maya Society: The View from Caracol Belize*, in M.J. Macri and J. McHargue, Eds, *Eighth Palenque Mesa Round Table*, 1993, pp. 213-222, Pre-Columbian Art Research Institute, San Francisco. (Figure 3, page 218)

Artist-in-Residence Grants

Collaborated with teachers and administrative personnel to develop and implement educational mural projects in elementary and middle schools. Designed projects to promote pride and a sense of achievement through student participation. Received grants from Indiana Arts Commission, Michael Jordan, IPS etc.

Project 180 Grant, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc., Indianapolis, IN, 1999 –2002, 2004

Frankfort Community Schools, Frankfort IN, 2003

Suncrest Elementary School, Frankfort, IN, 1998

Columbia Middle School, Logansport, IN, 1997

Lincoln Middle School, Logansport IN, 1997

Landis Elementary School, Logansport, IN, 1996

Fairview Elementary School, Logansport, IN, 1996

Kilmer Academy, Indianapolis, IN, 1996

Franklin Elementary School, Logansport, IN, 1996

Honors & Awards

Project XL State Finalist Judge. Art competition sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Company for students throughout the state of Indiana, 1999.

Indiana Art Commission's Visiting Artist Program. Developed programs and projects for schools throughout Indiana, 1994.

American States Art Competition, Indianapolis, IN. Awarded 3rd place in this painting competition, 1994.

American States Art Competition, Indianapolis, IN. Awarded 2nd place, 1993.

Artist-in-Residence, Gutman Center for the Arts, New Hope, PA. One-year residency at the University of Pennsylvania, 1990.

Advanced Studies in the Arts Scholarship, University of Pennsylvania, 1998.

Chancellor Award for Artistic Achievement, Indiana University, 1988.

Honors Division Research Grant, Indiana University, 1987.

Harry Engels Art Award, Indiana University, 1987.

References, CD portfolio and full project/client listing available on request