

Artist Information

Style: Realism, Portraiture, Traditional Mediums
Mediums: Pastel, Graphite, Charcoal, Ink
Hometown: Salmon Arm, British Columbia
Associations: Society of Canadian Artists (*Elected Member*)
Federation of Canadian Artists (*Senior Signature Member*)
Education: Visual Communications (ACAD)



Biography

Justin Maas was born in the 1970s in Hartford Connecticut. His parents moved to Canada before his 3rd birthday and it is the country he has called "home" ever since, becoming a Canadian Citizen roughly 10 years later.

Justin studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of British Columbia and received a degree in Visual Communications from the Alberta College of Art & Design. Justin has worked full time as a professional illustrator, fine artist and graphic designer for nearly 20 years.

Justin works primarily in Pastel, Acrylic and Watercolour. His work is on display at various galleries and locations in the interior of British Columbia and he has sold work to private collections all over North America, Europe and parts of South America.

Justin is a Senior Signature Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists (SFCA) and an Elected Member of the Society of Canadian Artists (SCA)

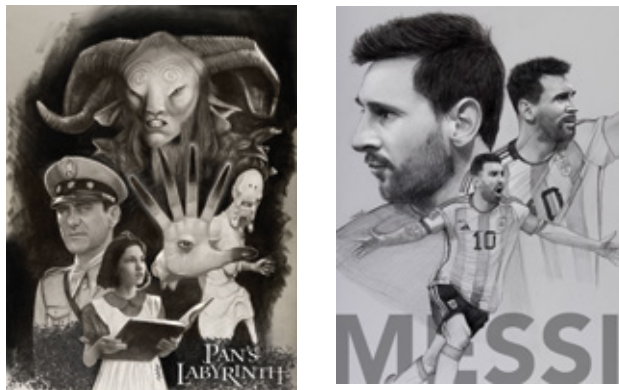
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Artist Statement

Technical skill is certainly a part of my craft but I believe that the real key to creating art is to elevate it beyond pure ability or skillful use of a brush. Regardless of the subject, style or media, the one thing that ties any of my paintings or drawings together is an attempt to translate what we see as lights (and darks) into a 2 dimensional piece.

I hope that my work communicates to you and I would love to hear your thoughts or comments should you be willing to share them.

If there is an opportunity to create a working partnership together, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Past clients:

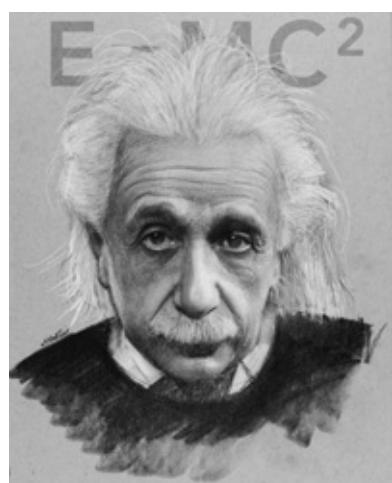
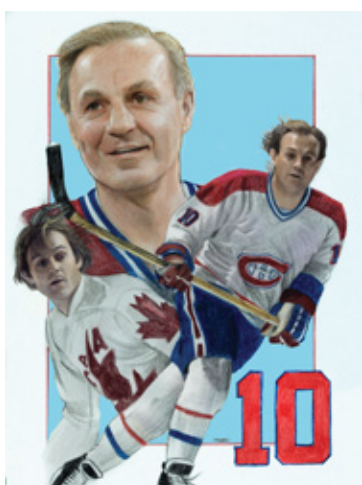
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Key Works

- Book: Drawing Realistic Pencil Portraits Step by Step: Basic Techniques for the Head and Face (ISBN 0035313670961) Published by Penguin Random House (2019)
- Portrait for NHL's Montreal Canadien's Captain Shea Weber's 1000th game celebration



- Commissioned works from Roger's Hometown Hockey, Hallmark Channel, NHL and many others.
- Featured in July 2022 Issue of Good Housekeeping
- Instructor and brand ambassador for Strathmore papers
- Many Awards in Canadian and international Juried shows and competitions.



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