



ARTIST'S BIO - JENNIFER NICHOLS CHAPARRO

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Born in **St. Joseph, Michigan** in 1962, Jennifer Nichols was born into an highly artistic family. Her grandfather, **Harry Stinson**, was a recognized Sculptor, Painter and Art Professor at the **University of Iowa** and **Hunter College** in New York City. Jennifer's formal art training started in high school, and she began to accumulate awards and sell some of her early paintings.

Later Jennifer attended **UCLA**, graduating with a degree in Design, focusing on costume & clothing design, and was heavily influenced by the artist Erte. She continued to pursue painting while working in advertising and raising her two daughters in Dayton, Ohio. Jennifer's work was exhibited in various galleries and events in Ohio between 1992 - 1999. She also was very involved with the **Dayton Visual Arts Center**, serving as their president and as a board member.

In 1999, she moved to Palm Beach, Florida. In 2004, Jennifer and her daughters, began participating in the Street Painting Festival in Lake Worth, Florida, the largest street painting event in the United States, attracting 100,000 visitors each year. Jennifer and her daughters have completed several large 10" x 10" works, usually featuring women & children, a theme that draws much attention. She received her **Qualificato Designation** in November 2010.

Jennifer's work shows a unique talent for capturing faces and expressions. By working to duplicate the colors and shading of the original art, Jennifer stays true to the original work of art. Using soft pastel chalk on pavement or concrete surfaces, these large works of art are washed away after each event. Jennifer's philosophy is that street painting is as much about the performance and execution, as it is about the art. The immediacy and challenges of the "canvas", weather and medium make each piece special and unique. Usually over the course of two days, each piece comes to life before your eyes.

In addition to the chalk art, Jennifer has done work in a variety of media such as pen & ink, watercolor, acrylic, gouache, ceramics and fiber, and freelances as a graphic designer, specializing in logos, marketing materials and websites.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

- Graphics Designer - Town of Jupiter, Jupiter, FL - 12/09 to present
- Creative Director - design for the future, N. Palm Beach, FL - 7/94 to present
- Senior Graphic Designer - The Legend Group, Palm Beach Gardens, FL - 5/08 - 12/08
- Graphic Design Supervisor - Life Fitness, Inc., Irvine, CA - 7/87 to 7/92
- Art Director/Graphic Designer - Domino's Pizza World Headquarters, Ann Arbor, MI - 2/85 to 6/87
- Graphic Designer - ASUCLA Advertising & Communications Dept., UCLA, Los Angeles, CA - 10/82 to 6/84
- Freelance Designer - Variety Arts, Inc., New York, NY - 11/83 to 6/86

FORMAL ART EDUCATION

BA in Design from University of California, Los Angeles. Classes included Graphic Design, Photography, Color, Clothing & Textile Design, Industrial Design, Video and a minor in English Literature.

Member Florida Chalk Artists Association 2009 - present, Semplice Designation Awarded 2009

AWARDS

Best Portrait Award, Haines City Street Painting Festival, Haines City, FL 2011

Best Theme Award, Puppetfest, Boca Raton, FL 2011

Best Figurative Award, FCAA/Disney Festival of the Masters, Orlando, FL, 2010

Artist's Choice Award, ArtHaus Street Painting Festival, Port Orange, FL, 2010

Best in Show Award, Haines City Street Painting Festival, Haines City, FL 2010

Best Theme Award, ArtHaus Street Painting Festival, Port Orange, FL, 2009

Best of Shoe Award, Shoe Show, Santa Clara Arts District, Dayton, OH, 1993

UCLA Spring Student Show, Los Angeles, California, 1983 & 1984

Clairemont Art Guild Student Merit Award, California, 1980

First Place Watercolor, Southern California Exposition, 1980

Events

Featured Artist, "Colors of Willemstad", Curacao, Dutch West Indies, 2011

Featured Artist & Consultant, "Chalk it up for Art" Coral Springs Museum of Art, FL 2011

Judge, "Artigras", Jupiter, FL 2010-2011

Featured Artist, "Lake Worth Street Painting Festival", FL, 2006-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Jupiter Courier, Feature on front page, January 2010

Women's Day Online, "Chalk Renderings of Famous Characters", 2010

Arts & Activities, June 1980. Cover art for national art teachers magazine

Westwind, Summer 1984. Illustration in UCLA's Journal of the Arts

CORPORATE & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Private Collection, watercolor "Sandcastle", 1978

Private Collection, watercolor "Dancing Butterflies", 1979

Cathy Black, watercolor "Grecian Column Dress" & "Grecian Short Dress", 1994

Lion Apparel Corporation, Linen Fiber Art "Boxed In" 1996

Hamilton Dixon, watercolor "Dancers with Heart" 1998

John & Barbara Hornyak, acrylic "Barbara with nieces at the beach", 2009