

Andrea Kowch

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EDUCATION

2009 BFA **College for Creative Studies** (High Honors)
Illustration (2008)
Art Education

EXPERIENCE

Andrea Kowch Illustration & Design, Sterling Heights, MI, 2008-present

Owner/Freelance Illustrator/Exhibiting Artist

- Freelance illustration and design
- Combine strong creative talent and skill to fulfill the illustration and design needs of the publishing and advertising industries, as well as individuals.
- Create award-winning work for, and take part in numerous local, national, and international gallery exhibitions.

EXHIBITIONS

Group/Invitational Exhibitions

2009 Northville Art House, *Continuance: The Persistence of Personal Vision*, Northville, MI
Russell Industrial Center, *I Hate Lucy: The Trials and Tribulations of Love*, Detroit, MI

Solo Exhibition

2008 College for Creative Studies, *Senior Exhibition*, Detroit, MI

Selected Juried Exhibitions

2008 Northbrook Public Library, *Caught In the Act: Art and the Written Word*, Northbrook, IL

2007 Northbrook Public Library, *The Five Senses: Art and the Written Word*, Northbrook, IL
College for Creative Studies, *Student Exhibition*, Detroit, MI
Kudos International Juried Exhibition, Online

2006 College for Creative Studies, *Student Exhibition*, Detroit, MI

2005 The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse, *NFAA Exhibition of Award Winners in Visual Arts*, Miami, FL
College for Creative Studies, *Student Exhibition*, Detroit, MI

AWARDS/ HONORS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

2008

- **First Place Purchase Prize Winner**, Northbrook Public Library International Juried Exhibition, *Caught In the Act: Art and the Written Word*, (only 1 chosen among 90 accepted artists worldwide)
- **Winner**, *CMYK Magazine*, Aspiring Creatives Competition, (only 25 chosen nationwide)
- **Illustration Faculty Award Recipient**, College for Creative Studies, (only 10 chosen department-wide)

2005

- National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), **National ARTS Award Winner in Visual Arts** (only 20 chosen nationwide)

2004

- College for Creative Studies, Walter B. Ford II Scholarship, **Winner** (only 8 chosen)
- **First alternate** for Award of Excellence full-tuition scholarship

PUBLICATIONS/ PRESS

2009 **Spectrum 16: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art.** Underwood Books. 2009.
Real Detroit. February 2009.

2008 **Spectrum 15: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art.** Underwood Books. November 2008.
CMYK Magazine. Issue 40. April 2008.
Art & Critique. "Andrea Kowch: Magical Realism and Real Problems." "Andrea Kowch: Book Covers." "Andrea Kowch: A Descent Into Memory." April 2008.
The Macomb Daily Newspaper (various features since 2004)

ILLUSTRATED BOOKS

2009 **The Clubhouse Conundrum.** IHM Sisters of Monroe. 2009. (Children's Book)

CLIENTS

Midnight Tea Publishing, LLC, Los Angeles, CA
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
IHM Sisters of Monroe, Monroe, MI

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Work featured in *Spectrum 16: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art* (2009) and *Spectrum 15* (2008), an annual devoted to featuring the best of the best in the current illustration industry.
- One of only 25 emerging illustrators with work featured in *CMYK Magazine* Issue 40's Aspiring Creatives Competition, one of the most high-profile emerging creative portfolio contests in the nation.
- Purchase Award Winner of the 6th International Juried Exhibition *Caught In the Act: Art & the Written Word*, put on by the Northbrook Public Library in Northbrook, IL, an exhibit showcasing work by over 90 different artists worldwide, resulting in the purchase of an artwork for the library's permanent collection.
- Created artwork for the 27th *Detroit International Wine Auction* campaign, a major annual fundraising event for the College for Creative Studies, sponsored by General Motors with proceeds underwriting student scholarships and community outreach programs for high-risk Detroit youth.
- 2005 National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Award Winner in Visual Arts. Attended Arts Week in Miami, FL, taking part in week-long intensive workshops with work exhibited at the Margulies Collection at the Warehouse. Now member and alumnus ranking alongside top 2% of young American talent.
- Part of the world-renowned *Painting-A-Day* art movement.
- Conceived and coordinated the Warren Mott Art Gallery mural project (2008), an 80" x 80" mural depicting nine giants of the art world, jointly executed by 21 prominent art graduates of Warren Mott High School, Warren, MI.
- One of eight students chosen by the College for Creative Studies to work the 2008 Illustration Conference (ICON5) in New York City.
- Sold works displayed in Senior Show in the College for Creative Studies' 2008 *Student Exhibition*, received the *Illustration Faculty Award*, and had the highest grossing sales rate in the Illustration Department for 2008.
- Work reviewed and featured on *Art & Critique*, an online site devoted to current art trends and art criticism.
- Ranked among the "Top 100 Most Followed Artists" in 2008 on BrushSpace.com, a global, online community featuring the work of over 2,000 artists worldwide.
- Member of the Gold Key Society of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, since 2004.