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Artist, Mess-maker Extraordinaire

ERICA M. BRANCH

Achievements, Awards and Exhibitions

"Artist's Showcase" Solo show at Bears, Shreveport, LA 2025

"A whimsical journey in Color" solo show at Davis Studio & Creative Space, Bossier City, LA 2025

1 of 12 Artists Selected for Permanent Installation at Live! Casino, Bossier City, LA 2025

Juried into "Bloom!" 2025

Red River Revel Juried Entry 2024

Honorable Mention and Cash Prize in "Bloom!" 2023, R.W. Norton Gallery Museum, Shreveport, LA 2023

"Impromptu Illustrations" Group Show at Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, LA 2023

"Fantasy, Femme, Floral" Solo show at The East Bank Gallery, Bossier City, LA 2022

"Bloom!" piece in permanent collection of Director of R.W. Norton Gallery Museum, Shreveport, LA 2019

1 of 20 Selected for Holiday at Art Space, Shreveport, LA 2018

Branch Heart Art LLC created, Bossier City, LA 2018

1st Place in Category Mixed Media and Pastel Art

League Spring Show 2017, Baytown, TX,

1st Place Carnival, Doll Faceup Competition 4th

International Doll, Lyon, France 2014

4th Place, Day of the Dead Show, Denver, CO 2012

Boutique Manitou Springs Manitou Springs, CO 2010

Le Petite Art Gallery Clarksville, TN 2004

1st place Fidelity Bank Show Clarksville, Tennessee 2004

Skills

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Corel Painter, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Mediums:

Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Ink, Charcoal, Woodworking, Mixed media, 3D sculpture, woodwork, stone carving, Leather Tooling

Experience

Illustrator for "Dani's Perfect Date" by Jennifer Lewis (2020)

Illustrator for "Ghost Text" by James Barnes (2019)

Illustrator for "Whitlee's Magical Adventure" by Corinda Watson (2019)

US Army (2006-2015)

Designed and painted 20x40 foot Floor Mural, Fort Jackson, SC

Designed Numerous Company Logos and T-shirt Designs Mural for Task Force Vigilant in Iraq, 2008 Designed Flyers and Mailers for various Military award ceremonies Provided design services, portraits and special commissions for individual Soldiers

Education

Academy of Art University

Masters of Fine Arts in Illustration, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA 2019

Austin Peay State University

Bachelors of Fine Arts emphasis in Drawing, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN 2005

Bio

Erica Branch, "Pookinopolis" of Branch Heart Art LLC. currently resides in Bossier City, Louisiana with her husband, three bulldogs and two hairless cats. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Illustration and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing.

Prior to pursuing her passion of creating art full time, she was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army with almost nine years of active-duty service including a deployment to Iraq.

Although she works in a myriad of mediums, one of her favorites is Gouache, an opaque water-based paint. She enjoys creating vibrantly colorful, fantastic and whimsical paintings.