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Work Experience

Freelance - Illustration, Design, Art, and Photography Dallas, TX	Summer 2010 - Present
Rose Tree Fashion Domestics - Senior Graphic Artist Dallas, TX	Dec. 2009 - Dec. 2016
Wohali Outdoors - Apparel Design Graphic Artist Dallas, TX	Jan. 2015 - April 2016
Southern Aluminum Graphic Designer Magnolia, AR	Summer 2008 - Oct. 2009
Communications Center Graphic Designer Magnolia, AR	Fall 2007 - Spring 2008
Southern Arkansas University Art Lab Assistant Magnolia, AR	Fall 2005 - Spring 2009

Education

Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, AR Bachelor of Fine Arts - Graphic Design	Fall 2005 - Spring 2009
South Arkansas Community College, El Dorado, AR Workforce Technology Operating Systems Structures PC Repair and Upgrade	Fall 2003 - Spring 2005

Qualifications

Skilled in using Mac Operating System, Windows XP, and the following:

Adobe Creative Suite CS5:	Digital Photography	Microsoft Office
Adobe InDesign	Illustration	Pointcarre
Adobe Illustrator	Painting	TexPrint
Adobe Photoshop	Nikon Equipment	Textile Design
Adobe Dreamweaver	Wacom Tablet	Embroidery Software



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Honors

Cum Laude Graduate (Spring 2009)

Outstanding Graduate of Fine Arts (Spring 2009)

Member of AIGA Memphis (Spring 2009)

Induction into Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society (Spring 2008)

Arkansas Theta Chapter 44, Southern Arkansas University

Shirley Jeffcoat Combs Art Scholarship

For SAU in Magnolia 2005-2008

Academic Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship

For SAU in Magnolia

Various Art Awards:

1st Place - People Category for Texas Discovery Gardens Photography contest (2016)

1st Place- Arts Alive! SouthArk Art Show (2003)

1st Place- "Can Do" Committee Logo Contest (2001)

1st Place- Arkansas Waterways Commission Poster Contest (2001)

References

Mark Rose - Vice President - Rose Tree

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Vikki Marie Damos - Assistant Art Director - JCPenny Digital Creative Team

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Dana Reagan - Director of Design & Product Development - Wohali Outdoors

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Amanda Blanchard - Marketing Director - Southern Aluminum

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Dan May - Associate Professor of Visual Communications Design, University of Nebraska at Kearney

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Doug Waterfield - Professor of Art - Dept. of Art & Art History, University of Nebraska at Kearney

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Artist Bio

Heather Griffin is a multi-faceted, Dallas-based artist, designer, and photographer who specializes in nature and portraiture. Griffin's appreciation for wildlife was influenced by her upbringing in rural Arkansas. She was born in Texas but soon moved to El Dorado, Arkansas, sandwiched between Heather's grandparents on one side and her great-grandmother on the other side. Heather grew up surrounded by family, romping in the woods, leading her sisters Marian and Bridget on various imaginary adventures. Time passed and Heather graduated from Junction City High School as Salutatorian in her class of 2005. She was granted full scholarship - based on the merit of her portfolio- to pursue a degree in graphic design. Four years later she graduated with honors from at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2009. Upon completing college, she moved to Dallas for new career opportunities.

In 2011 she married her college sweetheart Ben Griffin. Since then Heather Griffin has worked in pattern artwork design for home bedding, as well as graphic design, illustration, apparel design, and photography. After giving birth to her daughter Audrey in 2015, Heather began focusing more on her daughter and fine art. In what little free time remains after her parenthood, design jobs, and artistic hobbies, Griffin enjoys fine dining, playing piano, adventures with her husband, her family and dogs.

Artist Statement

I have always loved drawing faces and animals. The face is the most identifying part of a person or animal, where they are truly discerned as unique. My affection for animals is a way I extend my appreciation for nature beyond just the immediate vanity of humankind. To admire and truly know both, I capture their realistic features through keen observation, while still allowing myself impressionistic freedom. I usually work with oil paints, watercolors, acrylics, or pencil, but photography is the first step. Art is a way I pay tribute to nature and the master creator, God, so I look to the elaborate details in nature to guide my art. Thus photography allows me to steal a slice of reality, or a treasured memory, to use as reference to paint later.

Memories are important to me and an integral part of my work. When I was a kid, I would lead my two younger sisters in adventures in the woods of south Arkansas, climbing trees, catching animals, and imagining adventures. These experiences gave me a great admiration and comfort in the outdoors, a fascination of the "wild" in nature, and a special fondness for those few who adventure along the way. When I wasn't outside, I was often following the artistic footsteps of my mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother before me-- both sides of my family--all of whom also painted from nature as well as portraiture.

I like to derive social and family narratives from the characters in my wildlife art and photography, and to convey personality in my painted animals. Recognizing our similarities with animals provides both humor and humility. Often that which separates us from the animals is of utmost importance. What primitive behavior should we improve and what wild spark should we embrace?



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Art Exhibitions

Griffin on the Horizon: January - February 2017

Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church: 1641 W Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton, Texas 75010

Texas Discovery Gardens 2016 Photography Show: 1st Prize for People Category October 2016
Fair Park - 3601 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Dallas TX, 75210

Politickin': September 17 – October 7, 2016

Dallas Midtown: 13331 Preston Rd. in Suite 2218, Dallas, TX 75240

Blues Under the Stars: Concert and Art Show Sept. 18th, 2016

Unitarian Church in Oak Cliff: 3839 W. Kiest Blvd. Dallas, TX 75233

15th Annual National Animal Juried Art Competition – Aug. 28 – Sept. 24, 2016

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts: 1975 Puritan Dr., Irving TX 75061

Dog Days of Summer August 20 – September 10, 2016

Dallas Midtown (Valley View) at 13331 Preston Rd. in Suite 2218, Dallas, TX 75240

Familiar Spark: Griffin & Syltie Collaborative Art Show May 30 – June 25, 2016

South Arkansas Art Center: 110 E 5th St., El Dorado, AR 71730

Broadview: A Spectrum of Nature : Nov. 7 – 23, 2014

Friend of Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge: 9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76135

3rd Annual IAA Animal Art Travelling Exhibit : Sept. 27 – Dec. 7, 2014

West Irving Library : 4444 W Rochelle Rd, Irving, TX 75062

Seventh Annual Art in the Garden Art Show and Sale : Sept. 5 – Sept. 7, 2014

Fort Worth Botanic Garden : 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76107

13th Annual Wildlife & Domestic Animal Juried Art Competition : Aug. 31 – Sept. 25, 2014

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts: 1975 Puritan Dr., Irving TX 75061

2014 IAA Summer Exhibit : July 26 – Sept. 27, 2014

West Irving Library : 4444 W Rochelle Rd, Irving, TX 75062

Something Old, Something New, Something Funky, Something Blue : July 26 – Aug. 23, 2014

The MAC : 3120 McKinney Ave., Dallas, TX 75204

Hot and Sweaty 3 : June 14th – June 21st, 2014

500X Gallery : 500 Exposition Avenue, Dallas, TX 75226

Winners' Exhibit: From the 59th Annual IAA Members Juried Show : June 7 – July 6, 2014

Irving Arts Center Galleries and Sculpture Garden: 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Suite 300, Irving, TX 75062

2014 CAAP Exhibit : May 31 – July 26, 2014

West Irving Library: 4444 W Rochelle Rd, Irving, TX 75062

59th Annual IAA Members Juried Exhibition : April 27 – May 29, 2014

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts: 1975 Puritan Dr., Irving, TX 75061

Syltie & Griffin Embarking Exhibit : March 30 - April 24, 2014

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts: 1975 Puritan Dr., Irving, TX 75061

Art Con 9 : November 16, 2013

Warehouse at 500 Singleton Blvd, Dallas, TX

IAA Animal Art Traveling Exhibit : Sept. 28 – Dec. 7, 2013

West Irving Library: 4444 W Rochelle Rd, Irving, TX 75062

12th Annual Wildlife & Domestic Animal Juried Art Competition : Sept. 2013

Jaycee Park Center for the Arts: 1975 Puritan Dr., Irving TX 75061

Arlington Visual Arts Association Regional Juried Show : February – March 2013

Art Room of the Bob Duncan Center in Vandergriff Park : 2800 S. Center St., Arlington, TX

Printmaking, Collage, & Assembly Exhibition : Nov. 2012

Plaza of the Americas : 700 N. Pearl Street Dallas, TX 75201