

# Lyla Paakkanen



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## SKILLS

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- Web Design
- Color Theory
- Oil Painting
- Acrylics
- Watercolor
- Pastels
- Charcoal & Pencil Dawing
- Studio Art Instruction
- Art History Instruction

## OVERVIEW

As an artist, I am a painter and illustrator, working in acrylic, watercolor, oils and digital images created in Illustrator and in Photoshop. My images focus on shape, texture, color and details, with an emphasis on a richness of imagery, in depth of the medium in texture, stroke, shape and composition. My work is primarily that are influenced by narrative imagery, especially as it pertains to nature and human interactions. As an art professor, I have taught art for college studio art, design, digital art and history of art and art appreciation..

## Education

Communication Design 2008 University California Los Angeles  
Graphic Design  
Masters in Fine Arts 1993 California State University Northridge  
Specialized in painting and drawing.

## Professional Experience

- Paperdragon Art 1987-Present: Freelance, Fine and Consulting artist
- Creative Action Network Artist
- Redbubble Artist
- Society 6 Artist
- International Academy of Design and Technology Sacramento CA 2008  
Graphic Design Instructor
- Otero Jr. College La Junta CO 2003-2007  
Tenured Art Instructor Studio & digital art, art history
- Trinidad State Jr. College Trinidad CO 2001-003  
Computer/Art Instructor/Academic Advisor/Director Assistant
- Neopets.com Burbank CA 2000  
Artist/Illustrator, Character and environment design
- Ventura College Ventura CA 1995-1998  
Adjunct Art Instructor Watercolor
- California State University at Northridge 1990-1994  
Art Lecturer Painting and Drawing
- Los Angeles Children's Museum 1983-1990  
Manager of Ethnic Exhibits Program Development

## Exhibits and Awards

- PBS Art Auction 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Rancho Cordova City Hall Abstract Landscape 2023
- Rancho Cordova City Hall Beneath The Surface, Abstract Portrait Third Place 2022
- Elk Grove Fine Art Center Juried Exhibit 2022
- Rancho Cordova City Hall Aerial Views 2022 First Place
- Rancho Cordova MACC Member Show 2021
- Rancho Cordova Micro Mini Auction 2022, 2021
- Rancho Cordova City Hall Black and White+ One, Honorable Mention 2021
- MACC The 3rd Dimension Scuplture Exhibit 2021
- Juried Exhibit Elk Grove Art Center 2020
- YoloArts 12th Annual Art Farm Gala 2019
- Insight Exhibit, Rancho Cordova MACC 2019
- The Green New Deal Poster Exhibit Canessa Gallery San Francisco 2020
- Surroundings Exhibit, The Barn Gallery Yolo County Arts Council 2019
- 625 Gallery Yolo County Arts Council 2019
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- The Sacramenton Fine Arts Center Juror's Award 2018  
Solo Exhibit at The Pacific Asia Museum
- Best of Show and First Place Awards at the La Mirada Arts Festivals.
- Scholarship Award from the Southern California Watercolor Society
- Best of Category and Juror's Choice at Mitchell Museum in Trinidad, CO.
- Wrote, designed and directed a children's play, performed by the students at California State University kinesiology department. Made the costumes, props and backdrop, produced stage performance at The Los Angeles Children's Museum and at California State University Northridge art gallery.
- Invited as guest lecturer and exhibitor at: Los Angeles Highways Performance
- Korean Cultural Center group exhibit
- Invited Lecturer and teacher workshop, Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- Matrix Gallery in Sacramento
- West Side Arts Workshop in Santa Monica