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Artist Statement

I am Seattle-based artist, author and counselor. Much of my art and writing focuses on the impact that travel, the environment and history play in the ideas, views and memories of place. I spent two years in Kazakhstan working in the U.S. Peace Corps—an experience often reflected in my art. I sometimes use humor and irony of the mundane, and sometimes not so mundane, to reflect on the world. My artwork has an illustrative quality, and I work primarily in watercolor and sumi ink.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2016-17** *Hamburg - Binnenalster + Wartburg*, Coastal Kitchen, Seattle, WA (Nov. 1-Feb. 28)
- 2016** Ghost of the Sea series, University Friends Meeting Hall, Seattle, WA (1 July-Sept. 25)
- 2015** Bon Voyage: Postcards from Europe series, Rick Steves' Travel Center, Edmonds, WA (May 21-June 11)
- 2012** RENOpolis series, Windowboxgallery, Reno, NV (Nov. 11-Dec. 28)
- 2012** Svetopolis series, Windowboxgallery, Reno, NV (March 3-April 7)

Auctions, Group + Juried Shows

- 2023** Collective Visions Gallery juried show (feat. *Sqebeqsed Trail*), Bremerton, WA (Jan.14-Feb. 24)
- 2020** South End Yard Art (feat. *Fukushima's Revenge*), Columbia Hillman Arts + Cultural District, Seattle, WA (Nov. 2020)
- 2019** Artist Trust's Annual Benefit Art Auction (feat. *Beshbarmak - A Five Finger Feast*), Seattle, WA (March 30)
- 2017** Artist Trust's Annual Benefit Art Auction (feat. *Nazar - A Bowl of Plov*), Seattle, WA (Feb. 25)
- 2016** Secrets Can... art show (feat. *One Always Begins to Forgives a Place As Soon As It's Left Behind*), Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA (Feb. 6-March 25)
- 2015** Dye Hard live painting competition (feat. *Rabbit-Baby*), Ardore Creative Media, Seattle, WA (Nov. 1)
- 2015** Cultural Reflections art show with Mia Yoshihara-Bradshaw (feat. A Five Finger Feast painting + illustration series), Phinney Center Gallery, Seattle, WA (June 17-July 31)
- 2015** Artist Trust's Annual Benefit Art Auction (feat. *India + Pandas Love Bamboo*), Seattle, WA (March 7)
- 2014** 36th Annual Art of the Terrace juried show (feat. *India*), Montlake Terrace, WA (Sept. 26-Oct. 5)
- 2014** Animals group show (feat. Animals series), ArtsWest Gallery, Seattle, WA (June 12-Aug. 2)
- 2013** Around the Square juried show (feat. *Around Green Lake on a Foggy Morning*), Studio 103 - Tashiro Kaplan Building, Seattle, WA (June 5-8)
- 2013** Builders' Association of Northern Nevada's Be Wine Valentine Auction (feat. *Pho + Story of Rama*), Reno, NV (Feb. 8)

Commissions, Publications + Projects

- 2022** *A Five Finger Feast: Two Years in Kazakhstan, Lessons from the Peace Corps*; a memoir, author + illustrator (May 2022, published by Peace Corps Writers)
- 2019-pres.** *Khan! A Graphic Novel*; author + illustrator (publish date TBD)
- 2019** *View of the Snoqualmie Valley*, commissioned painting
- 2018-pres.** *Emerald City's Playground: An Illustrated Guide to Seattle's Parks* (working title); author + illustrator (publish date TBD)
- 2015** *Cory Kennedy*, commissioned painting
- 2014** *Em2*; a book on mindful living, author J. Casey, illustrator Tim Suchsland (Commissioned project, publish date TBD)
- 2014** *Meeting on the Altaiski Krai*, commissioned painting
- 2008-09** *Vesti*, Peace Corps Kazakhstan's newspaper; co-editor + contributor

Awards, Honors + Recognitions

- 2024** Returned Peace Corps Volunteer profile featured at [PeaceCorps.gov](https://www.peacecorps.gov), Washington, D.C.
- 2024** *A Five Finger Feast* featured on "Travel with Rick Steves," Episode 764 (Aug. 17, 2024) + Episode 771 (Nov. 2, 2024), Edmonds, WA
- 2023** The Moritz Thomsen Book Award (*A Five Finger Feast*), best book about the Peace Corps experience published in 2022, Peace Corps Worldwide, Oakland, CA
- 2015** Artist profile in *The Review* (Summer 2015), Phinney Ridge's newspaper, Seattle, WA
- 2007** Richard + Sharon Davies Senior History Thesis Award for "Twist + Shout: Class, Culture + the Beatles in Post-War Britain", University of Nevada, Reno

Professional + Volunteer Experience

- 2022-pres.** Head Cross Country Coach, Tolt Middle School, Carnation, WA
- 2017-18** Webmaster, Seattle Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Association (SEAPAX), Seattle, WA
- 2011-pres.** Tim Suchsland Art, artist + illustrator, Seattle, WA
- 2011-pres.** School Counselor, Tolt Middle School, Carnation, WA
- 2007-09** TEFL Volunteer, U.S. Peace Corps, Yavlenka, Kazakhstan

Education + Travel

- 2009-11** MA in Counseling + Educational Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno
- 2003-07** BA in History with Art History minor, University of Nevada, Reno

Lived + traveled: Europe (2004, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2019); Central Asia + Ukraine (2007-09); North Africa (2010); Turkey (2013); Japan (2016); Mexico (2018); Australia (2019); [GoTravelopolis.wordpress.com](https://www.gotravelopolis.wordpress.com).