

V.F. Wolf

V.F. Wolf is a painter who currently lives and works in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He is employed as a night watchman at the Rhode Island School of Design Museum located in Providence, Rhode Island. V.F. was an officer in the Army Reserve from 2000-2007 and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and lived in both Egypt and Ireland. V.F. received his Bachelor's degree in Art History (2007) and his Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting (2011) from Rhode Island College. In 2013, he received his Master of Fine Arts from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. He recently received a Certificate in Painting Studies from Rhode Island School of Design (2018).

Artist Statement

I paint mixed media, semi-abstract, grotesque mask-like faces to analyze the shadow present in every society. In particular, my recent work speaks to my early adult life in the military. I am not illustrating my time in the military through this work, but instead elucidating more universal themes I experienced: anger, sadness, frustration and confusion. My work acts as a mirror of the world where the grotesque and distorted appearances of the figures capture my disgust and indignation in the face of the horrors of war and corruption of authority. The brutality I witnessed and at times was subjugated to lend itself to the aggressive and expressive nature of the work. I may start out with a specific memory, but it is ultimately shaped through the process of moving paint and materials around the support. I will often throw, slash, squeegee, and splatter various types of paint directly onto the canvas. As a result of this physicality in the making of the images, I feel that I am going into battle with it. I often want to beat the image into the very fiber of the canvas, burlap, or panel.

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HOURS

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Education

Certificate in Painting Studies from Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI – 2018

Master of Fine Arts, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA – 2013

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, Magna Cum Laude, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI – 2011

Bachelor's Degree in Art History, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI – 2007

Exhibitions

Figuratively Speaking, Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA – March-April 2017

Face-Off, Group Show, ArtProv Gallery, Providence, RI – October-November 2016

Remember When, Warwick Museum of Art, Group Show, Warwick, RI – July 2016

Opposites, Art League of RI Show, Vets Gallery, Group Show, Providence, RI – January-March 2016

RISD Annual Staff Art & Craft Exhibition, Providence, RI – December 2015

Celebrating Veterans, URI Providence Campus, Group Show, Providence, RI – November-December 2015

The Odd Show, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Gallery, Group Show, Pawtucket, RI – September-October 2014

Martial Memories, Studio Z, Two-Person Show, Providence, RI – June-July 2014

Foundation Show, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative Gallery, Group Show, Pawtucket, RI – 2014

Spring Show, Studio Z, Group Show, Providence, RI – April-May 2014

Massachusetts College of Art Thesis Show, Fine Arts Work Center, Group Show, Provincetown, MA – 2013

Origins: Provincetown, OGO Gallery Show, Group Show, Jamaica Plain, MA – March-April 2013

Square Show, Gallery Z, Group Show, Providence, RI – March-April 2013

MFAWC: Off the Grid, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Arnheim Gallery, Group Show, Boston, MA – November 2012

Small Picture Show, Gallery Z, Group Show, Providence, RI – November-December 2012

Veteran's Visions/Veteran's Voice, URI Feinstein Campus, Group Show, Providence, RI – 2011

Attraction and Magnetism, Caladan Gallery, Group Show, Cambridge, MA – 2010

The State of the Arts in Rhode Island, URI Feinstein Campus, Group Show, Providence, RI – 2010

Veterans Gather, URI Feinstein Providence Campus, Group Show, Providence, RI – 2009

Abstract Juried Show, Wickford Art Association Gallery, Group Show, Wickford, RI – 2008

Awards, Honors & Auctions

Artist Talk to University of Rhode Island Senior Class, Fine Art Center, North Kingston, RI – December 2015

Massachusetts College of Art and Design Annual Art Auction, Boston, MA – 2012

Exhibited Work at Home of President of Rhode Island College – 2010

First Prize for Drawings and Paintings, Rhode Island College Talent Award, Providence, RI – 2009

39th Art Auction at Rhode Island College, Providence, RI – 2009

Publications

Featured in *East Side Monthly* magazine – March 2018

Featured in *Providence Monthly* magazine – April 2018