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EDUCATION

- Graduated in 2016 with a BFA from Arizona State University, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- Also received a minor in Psychology from Arizona State University

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 8/16-Present
  Artist, Designer, and Fabricator
  Working as an independent artist/ woodworker and metal fabricator out of my 740 sq ft studio in North Phoenix I create and sell custom interior/exterior artworks and commissions including paintings, murals and sculptures, as well as custom designed furniture.

- 6/18- Present (Vesper Sculpture and Design)
  Project Manager
  Creating hand-carved wooden sculptures for professional artist, Kerry Vesper. I am involved in management of all stages of production including design, gluing, carving, sanding, sealing, finishing, wrapping, and packing for shipping. General skills include, precision woodcarving, immense attention to detail, handling and packing artworks, and the ability to complete orders promptly to meet deadlines.

- 6/16-9/18 (New City Studio)
  Art Curator/ Preparator/ Marketing Specialist
  Curator of monthly Fine Art exhibitions with bi-monthly openings over the past two years. During this time, I have developed/translated various compelling themes into art shows with engaging artworks through a process of researching artists and ideas for exhibition themes, writing statements and press releases, corresponding and collaborating with artists, producing and processing loan agreements, designing and writing exhibition text panels, flyers, posters, vinyl, and price-lists as well as curating, planning, organizing, and running bi-monthly exhibitions/ occasional artist talks utilizing skills including but not limited to: graphic design, website development/maintenance, and the development/sharing of social media content. I have also worked as the preparator during this 2-year time frame gaining extensive experience in hanging and handling 2D, 3D, and digital/ mixed media artworks and installations of a wide variety of weights, sizes, shapes, and materials. Additionally, I am responsible for managing the gallery space, patching and painting, and keeping all of the walls and pedestals pristine and presentable. General skills include: attention to detail, ability to meet deadlines, remain organized, and communicate clearly, kindly/ effectively with artists, press, patrons, collectors and supervisors.

- 3/13-6/16 (New City Studio)
  First Friday Consultant
  Interned with New City Studio practicing a wide range of skills including, problem-solving, pressure to meet deadlines, communication with staff and coordination with artists as well as the construction of press releases, installation of art exhibitions, recruiting/managing volunteers, and coordinating First Friday events.

- 7/13-6/16 (Children's Museum of Phoenix)
  Lead Art Studio Assistant
  Assisting children with arts and crafts as well as setting up, and maintaining the Art Studio. I was also appointed the position of lead Art Studio Assistant which includes managing other employees, delegating tasks, and coordinating lunch breaks.

- 6/14-6/16 (Vihel Center for the Arts)
  Youth Art Instructor
  Independently planning lessons and teaching art classes in a classroom setting.

- 2014-present
  Mural Artist
  Planning, designing, and painting murals by public commission.
  Permanent work on Rural and Spence, Temporary work at Blur Night Club, Permanent work at Tiger Mountain Foundation's Community Garden in Phoenix.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Recently selected to produce an interior memorial for Chandler PD
- Sold a 5ft tall interactive sculpture into SRP's permanent collection
- 2 year-long contract to display a 6 ft sculpture in Chandler through InFlux
- Sold 9 ft Sculpture on permanent public display in Glendale
- Sold numerous sculptures and paintings to private clients
- Completed 50 ft murals in Tempe and Phoenix

EXHIBITIONS

- Participated in over 35 exhibitions as a featured artist locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Independently curated, installed, and promoted 21 separate art exhibitions/events and collaborated with guest curators on 3 different occasions.

SKILLS

- Drawing-experience sketching, drafting, drawing and designing for large scale projects
- Painting- experience with oils, acrylics, aerosols, and watercolors
- Photography- experience shooting with a DSLR and editing photos.
- Videography- experience with Adobe After Effects and several other video editing software programs.
- Graphic Design- experience with Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, Illustrator, Dimension, and Rhino 3d rendering software
- Wood Working- experience cutting, nailing, gluing, sanding, carving, finishing
- Metal Working- experience welding, fabricating, mold-making, metal casting, finishing

LEADERSHIP/TEAM EXPERIENCE

- Artist
- Curator
- Gallery Director
- Director of Operations
- First Friday Consultant
- Lead Art Studio Assistant
- Youth Art Instructor
- Mural Artist
- Marketing Intern
- Volunteer Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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City of Chandler

Dear Reviewer,

I am an Arizona- based artist writing to express my interest and professional qualifications for The Chandler Fire Memorial opportunity. In 2016 I received my BFA with a focus in painting, and have maintained a disciplined studio practice involving sculpture and painting over the last five years. During this time I have created public and private sculptures as well as murals in Tempe, Phoenix, Chandler and Glendale.

Through my previous experiences creating public, and private artworks I have developed skills in designing, conceptualizing, collaborating, and creating idea-driven artworks specific to the sites where they are housed. I am very interested in putting forth a proposal for this opportunity and designing an outdoor sculpture to honor the fallen firefighter Mark David “Bo” Boulanger who inspired the work and spent his life devoted to saving others.

I believe my skill set and background combined with my devotion to creating site-specific artworks render me an exceptional candidate for this opportunity to create artwork for your site in Chandler.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application, I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Rascona

Image List:

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1. AZ State, Steel, 9'x8'x4', 2020

2. AZ State, Steel, 9'x8'x4', 2020

3. Roommates, Steel, 6'x6'x3', 2020

4. Roommates, Steel, 6'x6'x3', 2020

5. Changing with the landscape, steel, 40"x30"x 20", 2019

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