



Instruments of Art Silent Auction 2010

Rodney Adams



"The Violin is a Jealous Mistress"

Acrylic paint and mixed media on violin

Rodney Adams knew he was an artist when he was just 8 years old and that there would be no other choice for him. His artistic path has led him through many styles and mediums over the years. He is a digital printmaker and owns PrintSmith Display Graphics and Imaging in Hampton, VA. He has worked as an illustrator, graphic designer, and art director. In his spare time he restores and repairs stringed instruments.

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Larry Merrill



"Monster Orthodontics"

Acrylic paint on Lyon acoustic guitar

Larry Merrill is a 25-year veteran of NASA. He lives in Yorktown, VA with his wife Donna and son Michael. He likes to draw, paint, sculpt, cartoon and build puppets.

Susanne Waltz



"Jewel Sun Moon"

Costume jewels on Fender acoustic guitar

Susanne Waltz has enjoyed art since childhood. She has degrees from Portfolio Center in Advertising Art and from Longwood College in Business Marketing. For the past 17 years, she has worked at NASA in marketing and graphics.

Tyler Hamill



"Camouflage"

Tyler Hamill is a 17-year old student. Tyler is homeschooled and loves everything about the outdoors. Lucky for him, he lives at Lake Gaston, VA.

Karen Freidt



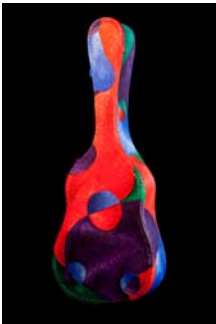
"Hippie Chic"

Colored pencil on Oscar Schmidt acoustic guitar

Karen Freidt holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and has 30 years experience in professional creative, communication and art related fields including print and web design, illustration, photography, video, copywriting, branding, facilitation and team collaboration. She is currently lead for NASA's Navigation Center for Creativity, Collaboration and Innovation at NASA Langley Research Center. Karen is a member of TAA, PFAC and HAL art associations. Talent runs in the family, as Karen's mother, husband and both daughters are all local fine artists.

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Rainham Rowe



"Catharsis"

Acrylic paint on guitar case

Rainham Rowe brings unique creativity and bold color to the exhibit with the only instrument case in the collection. Rainham grew up in Charlottesville, VA and earned her Bachelor of Art in Art from Old Dominion University. Rainham has shown work locally in the New Waves 2009 show at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Rainham's work has been purchased by collectors across the east coast from Florida to Rhode Island.

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Anna Rybat



"Bernadette"

Oil paint on Yamaha acoustic guitar

Anna Rybat will complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Old Dominion University in December 2010. After graduation, she plans to continue to pursue the Color Field style of painting professionally. Her work was recently featured at OneEleven Gallery in the Riverview section of Norfolk. In life before art school, she served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years. Originally from a small Ohio town, Anna has lived in Virginia Beach off and on for the past 10 years. Anna hopes "her guitar" brings joy, singing and laughter to someone special.

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Rick Romano



"Acoustic Turtles"

Acrylic paint on Galveston acoustic guitar

Rick Romano is a Virginia Beach artist who has made a living drawing and painting the saltwater environment. An avid windsurfer and surfer for over twenty years, Rick is forever inspired by the timeless beauty and power of the sea. His unique style colorfully reflects his passion for the ocean worldwide. Rick quotes, "For most of my early years, I drew surfers and waves, with palm tree beaches. Now that it's in demand, I get to return back to a childhood dream and paint surfing for the fun of it."

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Ingrid Newkirk



"I Am Not a Nugget"

Custom decal on Cort electric guitar

Ingrid E. Newkirk is president and founder of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) headquartered in Norfolk, VA. She is the author of a dozen books, including her latest, The PeTA Practical Guide to Animal Rights. She has appeared on television all over the world, including *60 Minutes* in Australia. She is the subject of a BBC special and an HBO documentary called "I am an Animal."

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Eric Worden



"Songwriter"

Embossed foil on Johnson acoustic guitar

Eric Worden is a proud dad who loves art. He's also the Bob-FM "Morning Guy." For Eric, it's all about the media...in this case mixed media. For three years, Eric has been honing his "guitART" skill, using beat-up thrift store guitars as a canvas, and conveying messages through the use of hand-embossed wine foils stripped from the necks of wine bottles. Celebrating the singer/songwriters whose craft is the inspiration behind Tidewater Arts Outreach and the Sea Level Festival, Eric hopes you will enjoy this unique piece of "GameWorden" art. If interested in your own piece...contact him at

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Amy Morrison



"Born Free"

Paper maché, acrylic paint, and mixed media on Squire acoustic guitar

Amy Morrison is an untrained artist, coming from a family of architects and crafters. Her style tends to be whimsical and she enjoys adding bits of rhinestone, glitter or some other kind of 3D material to her work. Her artwork has appealed to collectors of all ages. She has owned the Harbor Gallery on Colley Avenue in Norfolk's Ghent for 17 years where her art is sometimes featured. She lives in Williamsburg with her husband, and they enjoy exotic travel and golf.

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Hunter Hughes



“Sunrise to Sunset”

Acrylic paint and mixed media on violin

Hunter is a graduate in Journalism and Mass Communications from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. For the last 30 years, he has worked full time in TV news, mostly at WAVY TV10 in Portsmouth, VA. When he left WAVY in 2008, he was the News Operations Manager. During his stint in television, he also moonlighted as a radio show host, including *Sunrise on the Coast* and *Sunrise on Sunday* (93.7 Bob FM). Presently, you can find him showcasing acoustic and eclectic music on *Hunter At Sunrise*, Sunday mornings on 89.5 WHRV HD3 and streaming on the web.

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Allen Chester



“Angel Hearts”

Acrylic paint and glaze on 1968 Harmony H82G electric guitar

Allen Chester is a unique artist with degrees in Fine Art and Mechanical Design. His paintings are typically surrealistic with a spiritual or nature theme. In 2001, Allen completed a 79 painting collection that was published as the Templar Tarot deck and sold internationally. In 2009, Allen completed sequel collection of additional paintings expanding the original Templar deck to 100 cards and published as the Templar Tarot: The Journey. For more information and to view additional work visit his web site or search for “The Templar Tarot” on Facebook.

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Anatash Werne



“Crayola 64”

Paint and melted crayons on Thor acoustic guitar

Anatash Werne is a native of Virginia Beach, VA and is a 17 year old high school junior at Tallwood High School. She has been creating various pieces of art out of available resources for as long as she can remember, whether or not her creative methods were approved of by her parents. (Thanks Mom and Dad!)

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Sarah Macomber



“Birches”

Acrylic paint and gold leaf on Egmund 12-string acoustic guitar

Sarah Macomber is a native of Norfolk, VA. She is currently a student majoring in art education at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Her mediums include clay, textiles, painting and drawing.

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Cheryl Tan



“Under the Sea”

Tissue paper decoupage and stickers on Suzuki violin

Cheryl Tan is a host for *The Hampton Roads Show* on Fox 43, as well as an anchor/reporter for WAVY-TV10. As part of a challenge, Cheryl and her three co-hosts were each asked to decorate a Suzuki violin. Cheryl consulted with her three boys (ages 7, 5 and 2) and husband for ideas. They decided on Modge Podge Decoupage using tissue paper and stickers, and an "Under the Sea" theme. Cheryl grew up in Northern Virginia and has called Hampton Roads home for the last six years. Watch Cheryl and *The Hampton Roads Show* on Fox 43 Monday-Friday at 8am.

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Keri Furey



“Music is in Bloom”

Silk flowers and Suzuki violin on wood base

Keri Furey is a host of *The Hampton Roads Show* on Fox 43 as well as an anchor for WAVY-TV10. Originally from Southborough, MA, Kerry got her start in broadcasting as an enlisted sailor in the US Navy. When she's not on the air, Keri enjoys visiting local schools and the Veteran's Hospital in Hampton. Kerry is also an alumni of the southeastern Virginia chapter of Team in Training, the largest national fundraising organization for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Catch Keri on *The Hampton Roads Show*, Monday through Friday on Fox 43 at 8 a.m.

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Nick Vitale



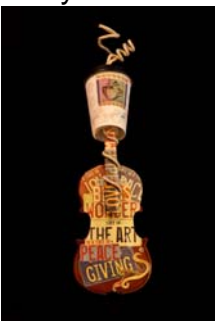
“St. Louis Blues”

Formed wire with Suzuki violin on LP base

Nick Vitale is a host of *The Hampton Roads Show* on Fox 43. His career has taken him across the country, announcing for *The Harlem Globetrotters*, to Los Angeles hosting the YouTube sensation *Poptub*, and up to New York City as a founding members of the comedy group *Cubicle*. He is an avid fan of both music and art, and was the music photojournalist for the now defunct *NineVolt Magazine*. A bassist himself, Nick had no problem finding inspiration when asked to "decorate" this violin. You can see him on *The Hampton Roads Show*, Monday through Friday on Fox 43 at 8 a.m.

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Kelly Gaita



“Bean There”

Mixed media collage on Suzuki violin

Kelly Gaita graduated from Old Dominion University in 2009 with a degree in Communications. She got her breakthrough start in television when she won the title as FOX43's first ever "Face of FOX" in 2008. Kelly currently co-hosts *The Hampton Roads Show* weekday mornings at 8am on FOX43.

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Kateri "Kat" Edell



"Sprouting Araguaney"

Mosaic tile, woodwork, and beading on Venezuelan cuatro

Kateri Edell is a 26-year old artist residing in Newport News, VA. Her most prized mediums are black and white graphite portraiture, jewelry-making and other crafts. Kat also enjoys photography, painting and building. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Christopher Newport University in 2006. While at CNU, she was president of the international honorary art fraternity Kappa Pi, and she continues to participate as an alumni member. Kat currently runs an online art shop, participates in art festivals and showcases her work in local galleries.

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Jenny Hill



"Dragonfly"

Paint and mixed media on Jasmine acoustic guitar

Jenny Hill is a Tidewater, VA native. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Conservation & Ecology from the University of Florida, with a minor in Education. Now residing in Virginia Beach, Jenny cultivates her experience and interests as the Children's Program Coordinator at the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. She also works with children with learning disabilities at Learning Rx and is Youth Ed Director at Christ Unity Oceanside Church. Jenny finds it easiest to express concepts, her passion for nature, and emotions through visually artistic mediums.

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Sarah Munford and Laurel Quarberg



"Peacock"

Silk flowers and peacock feathers on Suzuki acoustic guitar

Sarah Munford & Laurel Quarberg, owners of The New Leaf, Inc. have been providing the unusual in floral designs for over two decades. Sarah and Laurel are firm believers in "giving back" and supporting the community they love. "Peacock" was designed especially for TAO by THE NEW LEAF.

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Nicole Wichman



"Family Faces"

Oil paint on Jasmine acoustic guitar

Nicole Wichman was trained initially by her grandfather, Anton Parisson. She continued her education by self training and attending the Visual Arts Center in Portsmouth, VA. She has opened two working studio/galleries in downtown Portsmouth. Presently, the focus of her work is addressing the oppression of minorities. She has an overwhelming urge to encourage mankind to consider a different perspective on important issues. As a woman and the mother of a bi-racial child, she finds it crucial to use her talent to make a difference.

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Jon & Teviya Abrahams



“Fill My Heart With Song”

Jon & Teviya met 10 years ago at the Fine Arts Dorm at Missouri University. After years of traveling, the two chose Virginia Beach as their home in 2004. The song "Fly Me To The Moon" has special meaning in their relationship and was used as their wedding day first dance. Art has always played an important role in their lives and the couple continues to express themselves artistically through photography, design, filmmaking and music. Jon currently works as the photo director at O'Brien et al. Advertising, while Teviya works in the Marketing and Cultural Arts Depts at the Jewish Community Center.
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Susan Deshazo



“Papillon”

Acrylic paint and textured paper on Yamaha acoustic guitar
Susan is a life-long Norfolk resident, firmly planted in Ocean View, where she grew up and where she and her husband Chris are now busy raising their two toddler boys, Chris and Casey. Susan enjoys all kinds of music, getting strong and fit through exercise, and most of all, going on adventures with all her boys, whether they're around town, in our backyard, or under a pillow fort with LEGO and Hot Wheels.
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Angela Stroup



“Mermaid Fantasy”

Mixed media on acoustic guitar

Angela Stroup is a healer and hypnotherapist, and believes in the healing power of creativity. Both artist and dancer, she enjoys painting dancers and other figurative work. Her art encompasses a variety of media, from jewelry design to painting, and reflects her belief in our interconnectedness. To honor her mother Etta, Angela combines their names and signs her work Angeletta. Angela's work may be found across Virginia, the US, and internationally. She is available for general commission work: portraits, portraits in costume, and paintings of a favorite place, home or pet.
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