

# TIM SUCHSLAND

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## Artist Statement

I am Seattle-based artist, author, counselor and coach. 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

- 2026** Gallery 4Culture: Storefront Artist Carousel (feat. *Goldilocks and the 3 Bears*), Seattle, WA (Feb.-Dec. 2026)
- 2023** Collective Visions Gallery juried show (feat. *Sqbeqsed 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

- 2025**      Interview with Christopher Wurst on podcast "SoftPower/Full Stories" (air date TBD), Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 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

- 2017-18**      Webmaster, Seattle Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Association (SEAPAX), Seattle, WA
- 2014-24**      Cross Country Coach, Kingston High School (2014-16) + Tolt Middle School (2022-24), Kingston + Carnation, WA
- 2011-pres.**      Tim Suchsland Art, artist + illustrator, Seattle, WA
- 2011-pres.**      School Counselor, currently at Liberty High School, Renton, 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, 2025); Central Asia + Ukraine (2007-09); North Africa (2010); Turkey (2013); Japan (2016); Mexico (2018); Australia (2019); [GoTravelopolis.wordpress.com](https://gotravelopolis.wordpress.com).