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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. *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 Altaiiski 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.