# TIM SUCHSLAND

## Seattle, Washington

## **Artist Statement**

I live and work in Seattle. Much of my art 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 social commentary in my art. My work 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	
2023	Collective Visions Gallery juried show (feat. Sqebeqsed Trail), Bremerton, WA (Jan.14-Feb. 24)
2020	South End Yard Art (feat. <i>Fukushima's Revenge</i> ), Columbia Hillman Arts + Cultural District, Seattle, WA (Nov. 2020)
2019	Artist Trust's Annual Benefit Art Auction (feat. <i>Beshbarmak - A Five Finger Feast</i> ), 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. <i>Rabbit-Baby</i> ), 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. <i>India</i> + <i>Pandas Love Bamboo</i> ), 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. <i>Around Green Lake on a Foggy Morning</i> ), Studio 103 - Tashiro Kaplan Building, Seattle, WA (June 5-8)
2013	Builders' Association of Northern Nevada's Be Wine Valentine Auction (feat. <i>Pho</i> + <i>Story of Rama</i> ), 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 Kennedey, 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

- **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**

- 2022-pres. Head Cross Country Coach, Tolt Middle School, Carnation, WA
- 2017-18 Webmaster, Seattle Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Association (SEAPAX), Seattle, WA
- 2011-pres. Tim Suchsland Art, artist + illustrator, Seattle, WA
- 2011-pres. School Counselor, Tolt Middle School, Carnation, 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); Central Asia + Ukraine (2007-09); North Africa (2010); Turkey (2013); Japan (2016); Mexico (2018); Australia (2019); GoTravelopolis\_wordpress.com.