

Seamus Liam O'Brien

Work Experience

Kaikai Kiki New York. *Studio Manager/Assistant.* Long Island City, NY (2006 - 2010)

- Managed a multinational studio staff in the production of paintings for the artist Takashi Murakami; responsible for the quality, process, and visual direction of the work.
- Scheduled and trained studio assistants in all aspects of the paint production.
- Supervised project development and coordinated exhibitions and events.
- Ordered studio supplies and materials and scheduled delivery to prioritize workflow.
- Packaged and stored fine art items and managed the handling and installation of artwork.
- *Project Manager.* Oversaw project development and supervised paint production for Kaikai Kiki artists exhibiting in New York. Selected artists include: Aya Takano, MR, Rei Sato.
- *Kiki Balloon Handler.* Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; New York (2010)
- *Project Manager.* Managed 4000 sq. foot studio reconstruction. Building renovation included raised ceilings, two spray booths, dark room facility with silkscreen exposure unit, expanded silkscreen storage space and wash out area/sinks. (2008)
- *Project Assistant.* Kaikai Kiki Design Miami; Art Basel, Miami, FL (2008)
- *Project Assistant.* Kaikai Geisai Miami Art Fair; Art Basel, Miami, FL (2007)

Lite Brite Neon. *Sign Painter/Carpenter/Stylist.* Brooklyn, NY (2006)

- Scenic painting, window styling, and neon light installation for retail stores: Bergdorf Goodman, Stussy, Apple Retail Store, DKNY

Potbelly Sandwich Works. *Sign Painter/Carpenter.* Chicago, IL (2005 – 2006)

- Designed and hand painted lettering on signs and menu boards for stores throughout the United States.
- Designed and fabricated decorative store items: i.e. frames, tabletops, murals, dioramas, ceramic tiling, wood finishes, etc.

Skyline Design. *Lead Paint Technician.* Chicago, IL (2004 – 2005)

- Color matched translucent and opaque finishes for sandblasted and sealed decorative glass.

Ravenswood Studio. *Scenic Artist* Chicago, IL (2004 – 2005)

- Painting projects include: *Salsipuedes* (Houston Grand Opera), House of Blues retail store (Midway Airport)

The Ohio State University. *Adjunct Teacher/Admin. Assoc.* Columbus, OH (2002 – 2004)

- *Teaching Assistant* for studio art classes: Lithography, Intaglio, Holography, Art Theory
- *Gallery Preparator for the Hopkins Gallery:* Performed all duties related to gallery exhibitions including installation, de-installation, shipping/receiving artwork, and the coordination of staff and materials.
- *Woodshop Assistant:* Maintained shop equipment and provided basic instruction and technical support for tool usage.

Sunbelt Scenic Studios. *Scenic Artist.* Tempe, AZ (2000 – 2002)

- Scenic painting and sculpting for restaurants, retail, hospitality, theatre, special events, corporate exhibits, meetings, and tradeshow booths.

Czarnowski - Exhibit Service Specialists. *Scenic Artist.* Orlando, FL (2000)

- Painted thematic elements for 'Walt Disney World Vacation' promotional exhibit.

Sparks Exhibits and Themed Environments. *Scenic Artist.* Orlando, FL (1998 – 2000)

- Painting projects include: M&M Museum (Las Vegas, Nevada), Disney On-Line Retail Store (Epcot Center), Jurassic River Ride (Universal Studios Islands of Adventure), Mouse Gear Merchandise Store (Epcot Center), Pandemonium Cartoon Circus (Universal Studios Islands of Adventure)

Walt Disney World Company. *Character Performer.* Orlando, FL (1992 – 2000)

- Performed as a Walt Disney Character throughout the Magic Kingdom resort.

Circus Performer (1980 – 1990)

- Performed with immediate family on various circuses' throughout North America.
- Clown makeup operator for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Commissions

Leo Burnett. '*TCM Underground.*' Illustrations for advertising campaign (2006)

Yeah Yeah Yeahs. '*Show Your Bones.*' CD artwork (2006)

Bang! Bang! '*Decked Out.*' CD artwork (2006)

Hoverock. '*Kite Crucifix Beyond: Valium 1.*' CD artwork (2005)

Maury, Diemer & Walker. '*The Busy Beaver Coloring Book.*' Book illustrations (2005)

Hotel Source Inc. Chicago, IL. Illustrations for printed advertisements (2005)

Terence O'Brien. '*Close, But No Cigar. A Street Urchins Tale.*' Book cover illustration (2005)

Awards/Grants

Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship Award. Vermont Studio Center. Johnson, VT (2010)

Illinois Arts Council Fellowship Award. Chicago, IL (2007)

Edith Fergus-Gilmore Memorial Grant. Columbus, OH (2004)

Project Fellowship Award. The Ohio Staters Inc. Columbus, OH (2004)

Edith Fergus-Gilmore Memorial Grant. Columbus, OH (2003)

Guest Lecturer

University of Central Missouri. Warrensburg, MO, (2010)

Union College. Albany NY, (2007)

Education

The Ohio State University. MFA Printmaking. Columbus, OH (2004)

Arizona State University. Tempe, AZ (2000-2002)

The University of Florida. BFA Drawing. Gainesville, FL (1997)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

Wonderful, Flufferful. Atrium Gallery. Albany, NY (2007)
Flufferful. Rebecca Ibel Gallery. Columbus, OH (2006)
New Works. Rebecca Ibel Gallery. Columbus, OH (2005)
Happiness. Hopkins Gallery. Columbus, OH (2004)

Selected Group Exhibitions

FAA. Aljira Gallery. Newark, NJ, (2011)
Painter x 10. TNC Gallery. New York, NY (2011)
Temptation. Pop-Up Gallery. Brooklyn, NY (2011)
Transform. SHO Gallery. Brooklyn, NY (2010)
Close Up. BAG Gallery. Brooklyn, NY (2010)
DDBM. Cohen Gallery. Reading, PA (2010)
Fiction Project Book Exhibit. Art House Gallery. Brooklyn, NY (2010)
Bay Ridge B.I.D. Storefront Artist Project. Brooklyn, NY (2010)
it is what it is. Cohen Gallery. Reading, PA (2009)
Lost and Found. Cohen Gallery. Reading, PA (2006)
Duck Show. 1539 Gallery. Chicago, IL (2005)
Babes in Toyland II. OAL Gallery. Columbus, OH (2005)
Babes in Toyland. Kuhn Gallery. Marion, OH (2005)
Little Dreams. Sullivant Theatre. Columbus, OH (2005)
Unruled. Kathryn Markel Fine Arts Gallery. New York, NY (2004)
Holiday Show. Rebecca Ibel Gallery. Columbus, OH (2004)
OAL Exhibition. Columbus Museum of Art. Columbus, OH (2004)
The Plinko Project. Roy G. Biv Art Gallery. Columbus, OH (2004)
Springtime 2004. Rebecca Ibel Gallery. Columbus, OH (2004)
New Works. Hopkins Gallery. Columbus, OH (2004)
OAL Juried Exhibition. Shot Tower Gallery. Columbus, OH (2003)
Printmaking Exhibition. Silver Image Gallery. Columbus, OH (2003)
Drawing Exhibition. Elaine L. Jacob Gallery. Detroit, MI (2003)

Selected Publications, Reviews, etc

Murakami Versailles. Publisher: Editions Xavier Barral (2011)
ITCH Magazine. e. issue 08 (2011)
Interview. Neighborhood Beat: Prospect Heights/Brooklyn Independent Television (2011)
Artist Watch. www.escapeintolife.com (2010)
Interview. <http://www.sehnsucht-live.tv/> (2009)
© *Murakami*. Publisher: Rizzoli (2007)
Featured artist on MTV's 'The Reality Show.' Hosted by Andy Dick (2005)
Gallery Review. Columbus Dispatch. Columbus, OH (2005)
Play Ground. Columbus Alive. Columbus, OH (2005)
Home for the holiday show. Columbus Alive. Columbus, OH (2004)
Come on Down! Columbus Alive. Columbus, OH (2004)
The A-List. Columbus Alive. Columbus, OH (2004)
Creativity leads the way. The Lantern. Columbus, OH (2004)
Gallery Review. Columbus Dispatch. Columbus, OH (2003)
The A-List. Columbus Alive. Columbus, OH (2003)