



# Transcript

## Jonathan Green - Education

**Green:** Everything around us is art-related as far as dependent on the arts-from home design, car design, clothing wear, makeup, hair. You name it, everything has to do with the arts. And being a painter isn't good enough for me. You have to keep all those senses alive. Uh, and, and I truly believe that in keeping those senses alive is what makes a better artist.

As far back as I can remember, I always enjoyed drawing. And most of my drawings were done on small scraps of paper or on sand. And then I graduated to paint-by-number sets, and, uh, I wasn't convinced that I had to paint within the lines rather than the shape, so I went outside of the shapes. And once I did that, I discovered that I didn't really need the shapes, so I started painting on my own.

I had always been the one selected by teachers to help with bulletin board designs and all of that. I always had that sort of secondary job career going on as early as the first grade.

My first art competition, I was in the fifth grade, and it was on a countywide level, and I won first place. And after that, things just started to happen. I had more people, uh, developing an interest in my work and the possibilities of my career. I didn't know to what extreme I would be making art or of my popularity as an artist, but I, um, I had a lot of support, great support.

In college, I was trying to, um, emulate other artists because that's really how you learn, and I didn't have a voice of my own. I certainly didn't have a style of my own for artmaking, so I, I just felt, I guess, it was important to learn as much as possible from other artists in terms of technique and style. And, uh, which I'm glad I did because it was really very helpful in, uh, in supporting me to do what I do today.

I have found that all of the subject matters in school has helped me out tremendously in becoming an artist. Reading, writing, and arithmetic. I read as much as possible. I love to read because, in reading, it gives me more information. Uh, of course, the math is always good if you're to count your money. I think other forms of the arts is, is also very important in terms of theater and music, dance. Uh, art encompasses every aspect of life.

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