

# Iris Fisher, MFA, NBCT

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## Fine Artist | Illustrator | Forensic Artist | Sculptor | NBCT Art Teacher

Fine artist and illustrator with extensive experience in multiple 2D and 3D media creating "meticulous... beautiful, technically masterful... conceptually complex.... rigorous, and deeply informed" works of art. —E. La Gattuta, Moraine Valley Community College. Positive collaborative team leader who engages participants and facilitates growth. Dedicated educator who ignites students' passion for art. Creates engaging classroom environments that are relaxed and creative, where students focus with rigor and consistency.

"Filled a void for more students that I can possibly remember....an exemplary role model."

—T. Vanko, Hyde Park Academy

"Her creative energy and talent challenges and changes...students."

—M. Matus, English Teacher, Hyde Park Academy

"Always willing to go the extra mile.... a vital member of the community." —S. Dardar, Chicago Public Schools

"Your art class makes a tremendous difference in students' lives."—D. Everhart, Hyde Park Academy

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## SUMMARY OF SKILLS

Illustration | Acrylic | Oil | Watercolor | Painting | Drawing | Classical Drawing | Pen and Ink | Pencil | 3D Sculpture | Mosaics | Linoleum Printmaking | Sketching | Research | Grant Writing | Curriculum Development | Portfolio Development | Public Art Initiatives | Excellent Communication Skills Forensic Artist | Familiarity with Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Corel Draw, QuarkXpress, Microsoft Word | Translator Hebrew-English

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## EDUCATION

**Nurturing Teacher Leadership (NTL)**, 800-hour program, Chicago Teacher's Union, Chicago, IL

**Teacher Certification Program**, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

**Master of Fine Arts**, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**, Bezalel School of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel

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## CERTIFICATIONS

**Forensic Art Composite Drawing for Law Enforcement Certificate**,

Stuart Parks Forensic Associates, 2015

**National Board Teacher Certification (NBCT)**, NBPTS.org, since 2012

**International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Certification**,

Drawing/3D Design, IBO.org, 2007

**Teacher Certification Program (TCP)**,

Northeastern Illinois University, 2004

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## EXPERIENCE

11/14-Present **Freelance Artist**, *EYE Images & Design*, Mequon, WI

Create illustrations, paintings, and art projects for commissioned clients and personal therapy.

9/14–10/14 **Teacher: Art** (Grades 9-12), *Milwaukee Public Schools*, Milwaukee, WI

9/13-6/14 **Teacher: Art 1** (Grades 6-8), **Intermediate Graphic Design** (Grades 9-12) *Shorewood School District*, Shorewood, WI

- Helped organize art exhibits for the community and student families.
- Sponsored after-school Animal Welfare Art Club to examine the impact of environment on wildlife and to protect birds from flying into large windows at the school.
- Students petitioned to retain position after it was eliminated due to decline in enrollment.

9/05-6/13 **Teacher: Art 1, Studio Art, Mixed Media, MYP/IB** (Grades 9-12), and **Visual Arts Department Chair**, Hyde Park Academy High School, Chicago Public Schools

Implemented and supervised departmental budget. Led instructional leadership team in development of student-centered standards-based curricula. Served as liaison and communicated positively and effectively with students, parents, and administrators. Developed and implemented strategies for collaboration by connecting community members to student learning goals and experiences.

- Applied for and received multiple grants including: Youth Service America (YSA) State Farm Community Grant (\$1K) in 2012; Oppenheimer Foundation Grant (\$10K) in 2011; Fund for Teachers (FFT) Fellowship Award (\$4824) for educational mission trip to Limbe Wildlife Center in Cameroon in 2010; Donors Choose Grant in 2009.
- Initiated partnerships with community organizations and spearheaded public art initiatives that included mosaics and murals.
- Sponsored after-school enrichment programs including Art Club and Animal / Veterinary Club.

9/03-6/05 **Adjunct Art Instructor: Sculpture Fundamentals/3D Design, Advanced Drawing & Painting, Art Appreciation, and Art History**, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL  
Developed and fostered student drawing, painting, and sculptural skills; supervised student portfolio development; prepared and implemented curricula for various art content areas.

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## AWARDS

**Susan H. Whedon Award**, Yale University School of Art, 1997  
**Finalist**, Proposal for Broadway (New Haven, CT): Public Sculpture, 1997  
**Schickle-Collingwood Prize**, Yale University School of Art, 1996  
**Elchannani Prize**, Bezalel Academy, 1994  
**Annual Award**, Bezalel Academy, 1993

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## EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

"Ecosystem" Yale University Art Gallery, Thesis Exhibit, 1997  
 Museum of Israel, Jerusalem, 1997  
 Rutgers/Yale Graduate Sculpture Exhibition, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ, 1997  
 Art Focus: *Studio* magazine, summer issue, 1996  
 Discussions: *Journal of Contemporary Art*, vol. 7.2, 1995  
 Transit Exhibition (Art Focus Project), Tel Aviv, 1994

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## EARLY EXPERIENCE

**Ceramics & Drawing Instructor**, Dorchester Senior Citizens Center, NYC (1 year)  
**Graphic Designer & Administrative Assistance**, Tree-Time Workshop, Inc., NYC (1 year)  
**English/Hebrew Interpreter** for Art History Professor Philip Leider, Bezalel Academy, Israel (4 years)