

# MATT COTTEN

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

1997 MFA painting and drawing, University of Arizona  
1993 BFA ceramics, Northern Arizona University  
1991 Skidmore College, summer program, Saratoga Springs NY  
1989 NY State Regents degree in Fine Art, Binghamton High School

### Teaching

Adjunct Professor, School of Architecture, 2001-04, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
- Foundation drawing studio courses with lecture components  
Adjunct Professor, School of Art, 1997-2007, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
- Introductory through advanced level painting courses  
- Introductory through advanced level figure drawing courses  
- Introductory level watercolor courses  
- Foundation level design and drawing courses  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Fine Art, 2002-03, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ  
- Foundation level color and design courses  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Art, 1994-97, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
- Foundation level color and design courses

### Painting Exhibitions *solo exhibits in italics.*

2007 Drawing Energy, Herberger Theater Center Gallery, Phoenix AZ  
2007 / 06 Monkey Box Gallery, Tucson AZ  
2006 / 05 / 04 Platform Gallery, Tucson AZ  
2006 Dinnerware Gallery, Tucson AZ  
2005 / 04 / 97 University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson AZ  
2005 Arizona Biennial, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson AZ  
2004 *Muttongon Studios, Phoenix, AZ*  
2003 *Z Mansion parlor, Tucson AZ*  
2002 Hazmat Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
2002 Alamo Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
2002 Cooperative Gallery 213, Binghamton, NY  
2002 Avenue Art Gallery, Endicott, NY  
2002 / 00 / 99 *Hotel Congress, Tucson, AZ*  
2002 / 01 / 00 *Tucson Puppet Works Gallery, Tucson, AZ*  
2001 Elizabeth Cherry Gallery of Contemporary Art, Tucson, AZ  
2000 TPAC Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
2000 Raw Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
1998 Press 101 Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
1998 Thought Crime Gallery, Phoenix, AZ  
1997 Subway Gallery, Bisbee, AZ  
1997 Process Space Exhibition, Museum of Modern Art, Balchik, Bulgaria  
1997 International Arts Center, Tucson, AZ

### **Puppetry Arts**

Artistic Director, MMOS Annual All Souls' Procession, Tucson, AZ, 1998-2005

- Planning/coordinating workshops and events
- Theme developer and designer
- Installation coordinator
- Grants writer
- Head instructor for mask/puppet making workshops

Artistic Director, Tucson Puppet Works, Tucson, AZ, 2000-current\*

- Staging, props, and puppet designer and fabricator
- Co-writer, concept development and performer

Writer/Performer, Floating Widget Puppet Show, Galway Arts Festival, Ireland, 2002

Artistic Director, Big Head Puppet Company, Tucson, AZ, 1997-00

Writer/Performer, Explodatorium Pyrotechnic Theater, Tucson, AZ, 1995-97

### **Grant Awards Received**

2007 Weed and Seed Grant, Mask/Puppet Workshop Dunbar Springs Neighborhood Association

2006 Mini-Grant, Gruff Project, Tucson Pima Arts Council

2006 Project Grant Award, Ancestor Project, Tucson Pima Arts Council

2006 Weed and Seed Grant, Mask/Puppet Workshop, Dunbar Springs Neighborhood Association

2004 Weed and Seed Grant, Mask/Puppet Workshop, Dunbar Springs Neighborhood Association

2003 Project Grant Award, Tucson Pima Arts Council

1997 Project Grant Award, Tucson Arts District Partnership

### **Publications**

Daly, Diane. "The Mausoleum Project" Downtown Tucsonan 1/07, issue 56: p.18

Bodfield, Rhonda. "Revelers' Puppets Tell Personal Stories" Arizona Daily Star 10/2/03: p.A1

Henry, Bonnie. "Puppets with Personality" Arizona Daily Star 10/2/03: sect. B

Regan, Margaret. "No Strings Attached" Tucson Weekly 11/30/00

Anderson, Judith. "What's Doing in Tucson" The New York Times 10/29/00, travel section: p.1

Roe, Anna. "No Strings Attached" Arizona Daily Wildcat 4/18/00

Nichols, Jennifer. "Kiss of Death" Tucson Weekly 11/2/00

Wadsworth, Mari and Giordano, Kristin. "Dead on Parade" Tucson Weekly 10/29/98

### **Related Work**

Assistant scenic painter, Arizona Theater Company, Tucson, AZ, 2006

Installation Painter, Sonoran Design: Tucson, AZ, 2002

Installation painter, Design Definitions, Tucson, AZ, 1999

Installation painter, Larsons Company, Tucson, AZ, 1997-99

Scenic painter, Arizona Theater Company, Tucson, AZ, 1997-98

Public chalk artist and mentor, Tucson I Madonnari Collective, Tucson, AZ, 2005-06

Mural painter/coordinator, Third Hand Art, Stone Curves Mural, Tucson, AZ, 2000-01

Director and curator of Tucson Puppet Works Gallery, Tucson, AZ, 1999-2002

- Exhibits representing local emerging artists and traditional puppet collections

\*Related web-sites:

[www.mattcottenart.com](http://www.mattcottenart.com)

[www.allsoulsprocession.org](http://www.allsoulsprocession.org)

[www.tucsonpuppetworks.com](http://www.tucsonpuppetworks.com)