



Introducing artist Arno Chen

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Arno Nengshen Chen was born in Taiwan. He came to the US and has worked as a graphic designer and artist in the Bay Area in 1995.

He loves drawing since very early age. He started his fine art training when he was 15 at Taiwan Xie He private Business school, and major in Fine Art and Graphic Design (台灣協和私立工商學校美術工藝科). He continuing studied fine art at City College of San Francisco(CCSF)after he moved to U.S. in 1996. After he obtained a degree in Graphic Design from CCSF, he still continues to this day to take advanced painting classes at City College to perfect his technique and further refine his artistic style. On the role of continuing education he says: "It keeps me painting on a regular schedule and refreshes my mind with new artistic vision from the college".

Now, Arno is an art director at Design Firm in San Francisco. Arno has painted many portraits on commission and enjoys still life and landscape painting as well.

In addition to being an artist, Arno is also a world traveler. He has traveled to Europe more than 10 times and to Africa, Russia and other parts of Asia. Most recently, he traveled to Morocco and Egypt and then to France, Italy and Greece. His passion for traveling began when he was 22. Since graduating from college, he has travelled abroad to other countries every year. Much of his artistic inspiration comes from the many countries he has visited. He not only studies masterpieces in the great museums of the world, but also visits the beautiful countryside to learn about different cultures and art as well. "I think it is important to see as much of the world and its people as possible—it gives you new ideas for your artwork and helps you to understand the value and meaning of your life better".

Arno loves teaching. He hopes he can pass his art skills and knowledge to the next generation. He says "Not every person will become a professional artist. Many people do have talent in art which they should develop, not only for their personal sense of satisfaction and accomplishment; but also to bring enjoyment to others and make the world more colorful."

