

Musket Media



Aaron Lade, "Musket"

I grew up in the small town of Ravenna, Nebraska and lived there until I graduated high school. I moved to Lincoln for a year at the University of Nebraska. Although still a Husker, I attended the Air Force Academy for the next four years.

After the Academy, I went to pilot training in Wichita Falls, Texas. Phoenix, Arizona was the next stop after a few months of miscellaneous training. After Arizona, I've been blessed with a string of overseas assignments including Korea, Japan, Germany and Italy. I currently reside in Utah.

As far as art is concerned, I've always liked drawing and have done it since I can remember. In fact, I have a drawing of a train dating back to second grade. I don't remember when I started working with color, but the first color medium I used was colored pencils.

In junior high, I tried working with oils but had limited success (or impatience with their slow drying time). An unexplainable jump was when I first used watercolors. My dad gave me his old set of classic Prang 8-color watercolors so I gave them a try. I've been using watercolors ever since.

Am I open to other media? Absolutely – I just haven't taken the leap. I think what grabbed me about watercolor is their simplicity and how the water adds effects unattainable in other media. In Japan, I added Sumi-e ink to the palette. Also water-based, it adds an incredible dimension to any art.

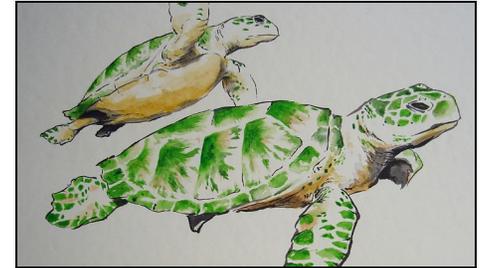
19 years ago I started a tradition of creating Christmas cards for those close to me. I haven't missed a year and equally important, it helps me create at least one piece of artwork a year. That's been the case too many years.

← Christmas King, 2004
Watercolor and Sumi-e on rice paper

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Musket Media is the online workspace where you can see my twist on art. Currently, I am trying to mold it more into a showcase in which any work can be displayed. I feel Musket Media can serve artists well and particularly those who don't have a web presence. This idea is in line with the title, 'Musket Media' (must get media) - I want to gather and display as many different media as possible.

some samples



Christmas Turtles (detail), 2009



Cain Frog 02, 2005



Howlin' Pumpkin, 1994