

VISUAL ARTIST

ROBERT M. MICKENS

I am a visual artist who uses my extensive career experience in mass media to express my vision, utilizing a multitude of technologies, but guided by the discipline of my traditionally trained visual skills. I create a free contemporary aesthetic, sans bourgeois beauty ideas, and economic materialism. The results are liberating, often comical, and hopefully joyous.

EDUCATION

The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, BFA 1979

Drake University, Des Moines, IA, 1974-76

EXHIBITIONS

STUDIO MONTCLAIR WINDOW - *"Ocean of Dreams, Ocean of Memory"* Sept. 2026, MONTCLAIR, NJ

FEATURED ARTIST- *"The Coffee Cup Project"*, August 2026, Every Day Grind, Bloomfield, N.J.

STUDIO MICKENS- *Sole Proprietor, 2025-PRESENT, BLOOMFIELD, N.J.*

STATE OF THE ART 2026 - *"India 2026, Qtub Minar"*, STUDIO MONTCLAIR LEACH GALLERY

FEATURED ARTIST- *"The Coffee Cup Project"*, Feb 2026, Cedar Beans Joint, Cedar Grove, N.J.

STATE OF THE ART 2025 - *"The Tubes"*, STUDIO MONTCLAIR LEACH GALLERY

PHILADELPHIA SKETCH CLUB - *"Dead Flowers on my iPhone"* 2025, PHILADELPHIA, PA

STUDIO MONTCLAIR WINDOW - *"My Daily Buzz"* 2024-2025, MONTCLAIR, NJ

THE MARCY LAB SCHOOL PERMANENT COLLECTION- *"Waddayasee?"* 2023, BROOKLYN, NY

HOTDOCS FILM FEST- *"BLAST"*, Graphic Designer, 2008, TORONTO, ON

THE NEW YORK FILM FEST- *"The End"*, Director/Designer, 1997, NYC

EVANSTON ART CENTER CO-OP GALLERY- *"Take Five"* 1986, EVANSTON, IL

THE EL STOP ART GALLERY- *"First Stop"*, Sole Proprietor, 1985-1986, CHICAGO, IL

THE CENTER FOR NEW TELEVISION- *"Krapp's Last Tape"* Director, 1983, CHICAGO, IL

ATHENS INT. FILM/VIDEO FEST- *"Youth Gangs / Two Approaches"* 1982, ATHENS, OH

IMAGE UNION WTTW- *"The Effects of Television"* 1981, CHICAGO, IL

ARTSPACE GALLERY- *"Paintings & Drawings"* 1980, CHICAGO, IL

WORK EXPERIENCE

BROADCAST DESIGNER, CBS-NEWS- 2004-2025

MANAGING PARTNER, ARTIFACTUALITY DESIGN STUDIO- 2005-2017, MONTCLAIR, NJ

MANAGING PARTNER, MAPMASTERY STUDIO - 2006-2017, MONTCLAIR, NJ

GRAPHIC DESIGNER, ABC NEWS- 2004-2007, NYC

ART DIRECTOR, MSNBC- 1998-2004, SECAUCUS, NJ

SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER, HORN-EISENBERG EDITORIAL- 1996-1998, NYC

GRAPHIC DESIGNER, WWOR-TV- 1990-1996, SECAUCUS, NJ

GRAPHIC ARTIST, WABC-TV- 1989-1990, NYC

COMPUTER GRAPHIC ARTIST, TELACTION, CO. - 1987-1989, SCHAUMBURG, IL

VIDEO DIRECTOR, DANCE CENTER OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE- 1986-1987, CHICAGO, IL

VIDEO CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR, VCA TECHNICOLOR- 1984-1986, NAPERVILLE, IL

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, VIDEO YEARBOOK CO. - 1983-1984, DES PLAINES, IL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, UNIV. OF CHICAGO MEDIA CENTER- 1981-1983, CHICAGO, IL

AWARDS

TELLY AWARD- GRAPHIC ARTS, 2007

CREATIVITY AWARD- GRAPHIC ARTS, 2007

DAVEY AWARD- GRAPHIC ARTS, 2007

BROADCAST DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION- SILVER AWARDS, 1995 & 1998

BROADCAST DESIGNERS ASSOCIATION- BRONZE AWARDS, 1996 & 1997

NY NATAS EMMY NOMINEE- GRAPHIC ARTS, 1990, 1991, 1992

NY NATAS EMMY WINNER GRAPHIC ARTS, 1993

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