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Education:

2006–Present - Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO , major in English and minor in art. Two oil painting classes with Laura BenAmots. 3.75 GPA. Member of Phi Theta Kappa.

2002 – High School, Ardmore High School, Ardmore, OK

Art-Related Experience and Exhibits:

February, 2008 – Donated painting for auction to benefit The Club of Arts, Colorado Springs, CO

February, 2008 – four paintings exhibited at The City Auditorium, Colorado Springs, CO

January, 2008 – Student Art Show at the Downtown Studio Gallery, Colorado Springs, CO

December, 2007 – Painting of Garden of the Gods commissioned

August - September, 2007 - Traveling exhibit at the Colorado Springs Library System, Colorado Springs, CO

July, 2007 – Juried Art Show – Cottonwood Gallery, Colorado Springs, CO

July, 2007 – Art exhibit at Acacia Park, Colorado Springs, CO

May, 2007 – One man show at Liberty High School, Colorado Springs, CO

Artist Statement:

I have been in a wheelchair all my life. I have been oil painting for a little over a year, taking classes at Pikes Peak Community College. Painting has become an important part of my life. It gives me a voice, an identity and a pathway to the world. It allows me to give something to the community and enables me to reach out to others and connect with them. I hope to be able to continue growing as an artist and eventually earn a living from my art. I am especially interested in capturing motion, like waves or fire, in my art. I am interested in the metaphor of “people in bottles”, which represents the way I feel at times – stuck in my own body. I am now exploring opposites, both in subject matter and color use.