



'JERRY LEE KIRK: PAINTINGS FROM 1991 - 2023'
CELEBRATING 30+ YEARS
AS A CHARLOTTE ARTIST

NINE EIGHTEEN NINE
STUDIO GALLERY

Jerry Kirk Biography

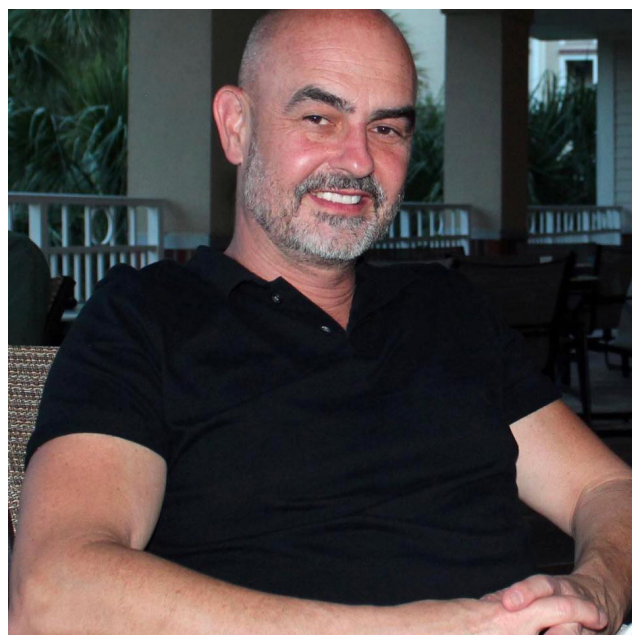
I grew up in Falls Church, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. My mother claims that I was drawing before I could talk and most of my childhood was spent with pencil in hand. After High School I studied graphic design and illustration at Shepherd University in West Virginia but actually taught myself to paint at the age of 30. My early experience as an Editorial Cartoonist for a Virginia newspaper was a good introduction into the graphic process and later jobs as an Art Director for Advertising Agencies and Marketing Departments taught me the professionalism that I try to imbue my Fine Art career with.

Growing up in the frigid environs of suburbia forced me to expand my already active imagination and the ideas and thoughts that flowed were expressed through my art, mostly drawing at first. I escaped into comic books, from which I learned much about drawing and composition, and great works of fiction, which filled my head with thoughts more serious and profound. Later, after I'd escaped for real from the burbs and traveled around a bit, including a stint in the United States Air Force, I turned to painting as my primary means of expression.

In 1991 I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where my career as a Fine Artist began in earnest. I immediately fell in with a group of artists called 'The Friends of Van Gogh'. As a group we opened 2 galleries in the north side of town and over time helped to develop that area into what today is known as 'NoDa', Charlotte's premier and historic Art District.

As an Expressionist Painter I have won several awards, most notable being, in 1994, an Emerging Artist Grant from the Arts and Science Council of Charlotte/Mecklenburg. In 1997 I won 'Best Local Artist' by the readers of Charlotte's Best magazine. I also owned my own gallery for a time, 'Sanctuary Art', which was located in NoDa and won the 2003 Critics Pick for Best New Gallery in Creative Loafing Magazine. In 2013 I was awarded my art on a billboard during the inaugural year of Art Pop Street Gallery and in 2019 I was honored to win the Artist Showcase for 'A Tale Of Two Charlottes: Hope Through Art' sponsored by Leading On Opportunity and the Arts & Science Council Charlotte/Mecklenburg. I have exhibited my work in galleries and festivals throughout the country and have accumulated many patrons and collectors.

I currently work out of my home studio in South Charlotte where I live with my lovely wife Lisa and wonderful daughter, Elysia.



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ARTIST'S STATEMENT



Neo-impressionist and expressionist in style, my art work alternates between narrative images and scenes of nature in an attempt to depict both the natural world and the human condition at their most intimate level. As an acute observer of life in all its aspects, my art is influenced not only by nature but all forms of pop culture, from books to movies to cartoon animation. These influences are then filtered through my own unconventional life experiences to produce the unique styles in which I work.

For this very special exhibit I have brought together over 50 paintings that represent every decade and phase of my over 30 years as a painter. From narrative to surrealism to figurative to land, sea and streetscapes to the very first painting that I exhibited in public, this exhibit encompasses the entirety of my career thus far as a fine artist.

Working in oil, acrylics and mixed-media I have always been a restless artist, not only searching for new, dynamic images regardless of the theme or subject but also wanting to try my hand at different styles and techniques. If anything holds the body of this work together and makes it uniquely mine, it is my bold use of color and hard lines. Color is the dominate force in all of my work and what draws me to painting. That, and the very real need to express my thoughts, feelings and soul onto canvas.

- Jerry Kirk, 2023



Some Assembly Required
 Acrylic on Canvas
 30" x 40"
 \$1200



Thinking Outside of the Box
 Acrylic on Canvas
 30" x 40"
 \$1200



Moment to Happiness
 Acrylic on Canvas
 30" x 40"
 \$1200



Requiem for a Harlequin
 Acrylic on Canvas
 30" x 40"
 \$1200



Picking up the Pieces
 Acrylic on Canvas
 30" x 40"
 \$1200



Under Construction
 Acrylic on Canvas
 36" x 48"
 \$2000



Mental Health
 Acrylic on Canvas
 40" x 30"
 \$1200



This is Why The World Will End
 Acrylic on Canvas
 36" x 24"
 \$700



Early Autumn on The Trail
Oil on Canvas
48" x 36"
\$2000



Portrait 20th Century Man
Oil on Canvas
48" x 48"
\$800



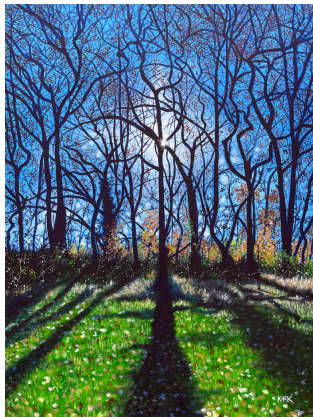
The Visionary
Oil on Canvas
28" x 28"
\$700



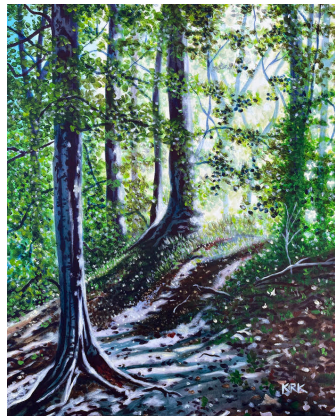
Waiting for the Gift
Oil on Canvas
48" x 36"
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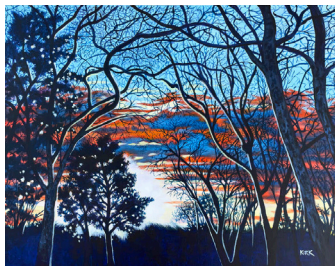
Self Portrait at 55
Oil on Canvas
20" x 16"
NFS



Cathedral
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 40"
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Temple
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 30"
\$800



Sunset on Virginia
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 40"
\$800



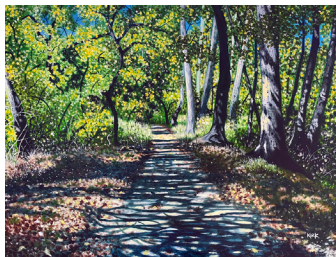
The Coming of Spring
Acrylic on Canvas
48" x 36"
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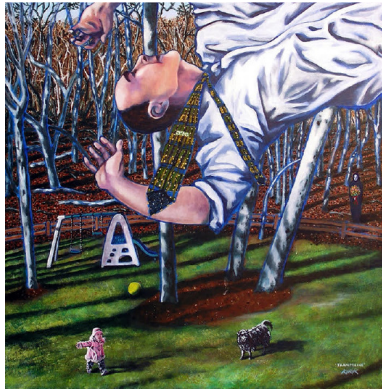
The Coming of Autumn
Acrylic on Canvas
48" x 36"
\$2000



**A Symphony of
 Moon and Stars**
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 36"
\$700



On The C&O Trail
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 40"
\$1200



Trampoline
Acrylic on Wood Panel
24" x 24"
NFS



Learning to Navigate
(The Path of Life)
Oil n Canvas
16" x 20"
\$450



The Tavern at The End
of The World
Oil on Canvas
48" x 48"
\$1200



The Harlequin Reborn
Oil on Canvas
24" x 48"
\$1200



**Portrait Of A Man Who Watches
Fox News all Day
Acrylic on Canvas
36" x 24"
\$500**



**The Enlightened Woman
Oil on Canvas
40" x 30"
\$1200**



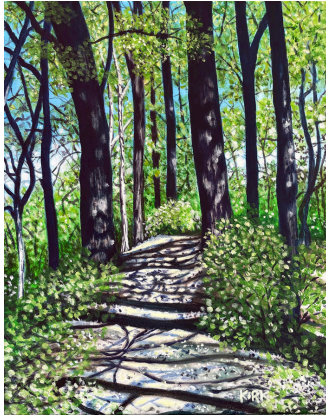
**I have Already Forgotten More
Than I Will Ever Remember
Oil on Canvas
36" x 36"
\$900**



**Starving Poets Dance
(Despite Their Circumstances)
Oil on Canvas
36" x 36"
\$900**



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Walking Trail
Acrylic on Canvas
16" x 20"
\$450



Sunset Horse
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 24"
\$800



Masks on King Street
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 24"
\$800



**Autumn Walk Around
 Bass Lake**
Acrylic on Wood Panel
60" x 36"
\$2500



Spirit Woods
Oil n Canvas
36" x 48"
\$2000



Lavender Woods
Oil on Canvas
22' x 28"
\$500



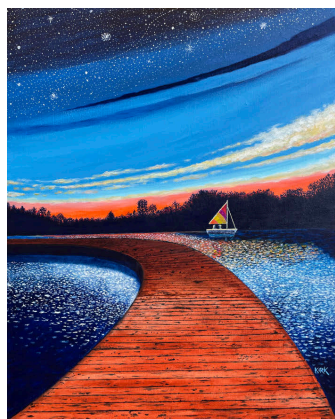
October Tree
Acrylic on Canvas
40" x 30"
\$1200



Potomac River Vista
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 18"
\$500



Del Ray, Early Morning
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 18"
\$500



Endless
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 30"
\$800



Memory Tree
Acrylic on Canvas
24" x 30"
\$800



Portrait of Mother Nature
Acrylic on Canvas
40' x 40"
\$1000



The Great Hope
Acrylic on Canvas
36" x 48"
\$2000



The Great Debate
Acrylic on Canvas
36" x 48"
\$2000



**A King, Clown and
 Businessman**
Acrylic on Canvas
60" x 36"
\$2500



The Death of Democracy
Acrylic on Canvas
60" x 36"
\$2500



A Conversation About War
Acrylic on Canvas
60" x 48"
\$2000



Portrait of Basquiat
Acrylic on Canvas
14" x 18"
\$400



Elvis and Jesus at The Sports bar
Acrylic on Canvas
28" x 22"
\$450



Self Portrait With Masks
Oil on Canvas
24" x 30"
NFS



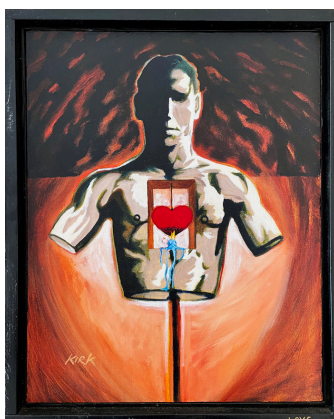
Sunset on NODA
Acrylic on Canvas
36" x 24"
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Inevitable Destiny
(The Apparition)
Oil on Canvas
16" x 20"
NFS



Deconstruction of Grief
Acrylic on Canvas
30" x 40"
\$1200



Love
Acrylic on Canvas
20" x 16"
\$450



Time is the Aftermath
Acrylic on Canvas
22" x 28"
\$450



Beauty Among The Ruins
Oil on Canvas
40" x 30"
\$1200



Dandelions and Clover
Oil on Canvas
20" x 16"
\$500



The Burden of Dreams
Acrylic on Canvas
40" x 36"
NFS



Aspiration to Fly
Oil on Canvas
36" x 44"
NFS



Sing
Oil on Canvas
40' x 43"
NFS



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