

Emerging Artist: Jonathan Jensen

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I would first and foremost, like to express my gratitude for your organization, its service and distinguished reputation for bringing the arts experience to our wonderful community.

When I think of the category in which I would like to nominate a truly deserving individual, I think of the selfless contributions our friends and neighbors have made to make our community what it is today. Mostly because this individual has offered so much of himself and asked for absolutely nothing in return, for the category of Emerging Artist of the Year, I would like to nominate Mr. Jonathan Jensen. Jonathan returned to Flagstaff two years ago from the San Francisco area, where he lived and worked in Graphic Design. For nearly 15 years, Jonathan worked as an Art Director for the publication Citybike in San Francisco. Moving back to be closer to his family, Hal and Marilyn Jensen residents of Flagstaff since 1979, Jonathan has found Flagstaff to be an amazing canvas to recreate and re-establish his artistic inspiration.

Jonathan's work currently can be seen all around the city. He has done numerous posters for Theatrikos Playhouse and illustrations for THE NOISE publication. Yet the pro bono artwork he has done for Toys for Tots, (Marine League Charities), Santa Comes to Flagstaff, Vagina Monologues for the past two years, (poster, all ad layout and the stage sets) for two years now, has proven this artist to be a selfless, kind and caring individual. I would also like to mention, Jonathan designed the Southside banners that adorn our newly retro-fitted streetlights, on South San Francisco. He has contributed so many original canvases and illustrations, and given them willingly without compensation, that I urge you to consider his nomination for Emerging Artist of the Year. The spirit in which he has giving so freely of his talent, for the good of his...OUR community is exactly the criteria I believe a Viola should be awarded.





