

Kermit Eisenhut

Artist Profile

Texas artist Kermit Eisenhut, is known for his acrylic paintings featuring playful characters and realistic animal portraits. He chooses canvas painting and designs greeting cards and paints furniture and plates and has been commissioned to paint murals in private residences and public spaces. One may go to <http://www.kermitart.com> to visit his Web site and learn more about the artist and his work.

For 2008, Kermit is painting a fiberglass cow named “Mooley Cow” honoring the legacy of Dr. Denton Cooley at the Texas Heart Institute where Kermit also donated an original oil pastel. He is a member of the Western-Heritage Committee for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and will paint mustang horses for the 2008 event. To celebrate the rodeo’s anniversary year in 2007, he painted its logo on a 6’ fiberglass cowboy boot which was used as the branding symbol. He was commissioned to paint an additional 14 boots on behalf of corporations and civic groups such as ConocoPhillips, BMC Software, Duke Energy (Spectrum), Sterling Bank and Stewart Stevenson. Also in 2007, Kermit’s entry for the Art Car Parade benefited Big Brothers/Big Sisters for sponsor SweetLeaf Iced Teas based in Austin. Kermit was one of 10 U.S artists to be selected as one of 75 U.S. celebrities to paint a 6’ replica of “Mickey Mouse” that was auctioned at Sotheby’s for charity. For the City of Houston, Kermit painted 9 boots for office of Special Events and for the Fort Worth Junior League, he painted 5 boots. His previous work included fourteen entries for the Houston Cow Parade and he painted a Pegasus for the Dallas Art Council. He was commissioned to paint three canvases for a hospital in Monterrey, Mexico and showed at Stone Gallery in Dallas. He sits on the Advisory Board of the “Pink Ribbons Project,” on the Honorary Board of SNAP, and works with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Kermit was commissioned to paint a mural at the Louisiana Street SPARK park at the Scholar’s School, and was named Texas Children’s Hospital artist of the year in 2002 for “Making A Mark” and was named one of the 100 Texas-wide artists nominated for the last round of judging for the 2007 Hunting Art Prize and he teaches at the Art League of Houston. He participated in career days at HISD.

Kermit created fourteen entries for the 2001 Cow Parade benefiting Texas Children’s Hospital sponsored by HEB; Southwest Airlines; Wortham Foundation; J.L. Wortham & Sons; Crescent Real Estate; Uptown Park; Burlington Resources; Ocean Energy; and Whitney National Bank. Ongoing displays of Kermit’s art hangs at *Piatto’s* behind Dillard’s in the Galleria; *Simply Art Gallery* on the Strand in Galveston; *Westheimer Animal Clinic*; *Saving Animals Across Borders* office location; *Miss Saigon Café*, West University; *Ziggy’s Healthy Grill* on Taft; *SOK Hair Salon* on Kirby; on Woodway at Bering, both *Out-of-the-Box* specialty store and *Smoothie Island*; *Urban Cleaners*; and three *Image Cleaners*.

Kermit participated in the 2007 Art Crawl in the warehouse district and in the “Art Around Downtown” for the Downtown Houston Association. Kermit has exhibited his art at the following locations: *Neiman Marcus* in the Galleria and Town & Country; *Lyric Centre*; *Cullen Center*; *Chase Bank Tower*; *Bank of America*; *Bank United*; *One Allen Center*; *KBR Building*; *500 Jefferson*; *Continental Airlines Building*; *Sage Plaza*; *Riverway Bank*; *St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital*; *Louis Dreyfus Plastics Corp*; *Prestonwood Gallery* in the warehouse district. Kermit also had exhibitions at *Crostini’s*, *MoMong* and *Piatto* restaurants.

Kermit was acknowledged as an “Other Heroes” in Houston’s *Pet Talk* magazine and in both 2006 and 2007. He has been featured in past articles in *The Parrot*, Galveston’s community newspaper; “Faces in the Crowd” in the *Houston Chronicle*; a featured artist on Fox News television; *002* magazine; *Ego* and *Cover* magazines. He was one of the top 50 single individuals for *Inside Houston* magazine in 1999. He designed the downtown YMCA logo and a mural on the rooftop walking path and decorated show windows with animal backdrop for SPCA at the Neiman Marcus store in the Galleria.

He designed invitations, greeting and holiday cards for the following organizations: SNAP; CAP; Houston Pet Set; Saving Animals; Main Street Theater; Harris County Heritage Society. He designed a program cover and poster for Stages Repertory Theater in 1997 and the holiday stationery for the Lancaster Hotel in downtown Houston.

His studio is in Houston where he welcomes clients to his studio on an appointment basis.

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Charitable Contributions

Kermit was founding director for “Voices For Life” and designed cover artwork, tee-shirt, poster and mural. The Original artwork is on permanent display at the Texas Heart Institute. For DIFFA, Kermit designed a champagne bucket for “Collection Rouge III” and created an art umbrella for the showing of *ABSOLUT Pink Umbrellas*. He was on the steering committee for DIFFA’s “Boxing Back” event and donated a painted box. He created two vests for the DIFFA collection including one for ABSOLUT Vodka. His denim jacket for a DIFFA auction brought the second highest bid during the live auction and he created chairs for “Take-A-Seat.” His concept of having artists create lamps was used for the “Turn-One-On” for DIFFA benefit. He provided the cover design and tee-shirts for EMPOWER and the invitation, program cover design, and advertising for the Montrose Clinic’s “Hats Off To Broadway.” He drew the cover for Citizen’s For Animal Protection (CAP) and, for AFH, he created a large canvas drop for the “In Your Ear And Off The Wall” benefit. He created an invitation for Hair Care’s “Simply Southern” event and the invitation for the annual Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (TALA). He produced a tee-shirt for the Texas Exes fun run and twice created the tee-shirt and poster for *Vivo y Positivo* benefit. His artwork was chosen for the artwork and tee-shirt for the Houston Heights Festival and drew the cover for the Heights Cookbook and made an art chair, invitation and art cards for Canine Companions Chair-Raising event in Denver.

For “Pumped Up On Art, he created a piece of art with shoes donated by Gloria Estevan, Elyse Lanier, Phillis Diller and Clyde Drexler. He was honorary chairman of a “Great Gasp” event for SNAP, co-chair for their auction committee, designed the cover for its Big Adventure program. He served on the board of Pet Patrol. He designed the cover art for the Human Rights Campaign dinner and has donated art to the following: I Have a Dream; Junior League of Houston; the Art League of Houston; Sylvan Rodriguez Foundation; Make-A-Wish Foundation; Duchesne Academy; Kinkaid School; Girls, Inc.; Houston Heights Association; Houston Grand Opera; Children’s Museum; Texas Children’s Hospital; Downtown Historic District; American Diabetes; March of Dimes; Special Olympics; Houston Heart Association; Houston Music Awards; SongFest; Actor’s Workshop; Houston Restaurant Association; SPCA; CAP; Greyhound Pets of America; HAP; HATCH; Houston Humane Society; Pet Patrol;

Operation Heartland; American Organ Transplant Association; FIRM; Dizinger Foundation; Houston Challenge Foundation; Milam House; Omega House; Alpha 2 Omega Foundation; PWA Coalition; CASA; Assistance Fund; Bering Community Service Foundation; Bering And Friends; Halloween Magic; Houston Red Tie; Montrose Clinic; Haute Paws; Trinity Life Center; AFH; SEARCH; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; DePelchin Children's Center; Diverse Works; Legacy Community Foundation; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo; Art on the Avenue; Lakewood Church; and Kicking Cancer Out of Texas.