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Christy Jenn Smolenski was born in Mount Holly, New Jersey February 27, 1985. She grew up in Newbury Park, California. She has lived in Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, San Jose and Newbury Park California and Florence, Italy. Currently, she resides in Florence, Italy.

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL ARTISTIC EXPERIENCES

Buenaventura Art Association • Harbor Village Gallery
Gallery Director of Harbor Village Gallery
October 2009 – September 2010 • Ventura, California
- Wrote several press releases for solo artists exhibits and various events.
- Coordinated exhibits, events, workshops and more.

Celebrations of the Arts
Art Teacher • April – June 2010 • Ventura, California
- Taught basic Native American sand painting and art history to children in grades kindergarten to fourth grade.

Young Rembrandts
Art Teacher • September 2009 – March 2010 • Newbury Park, California
- Taught basic art skills to elementary school children.
- Lessons focused on line, form, composition, perspective, color and shading.

EDUCATION

San José State University • 2010
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Pictorial Arts emphasis in Painting
Minor in Italian and supporting classes in Art History

California State University International Program in Florence
2006 – 2008
Studio Arts, Art History, Italian language, culture and history.

Accademia di Belle Arti di Firenze • 2006 – 2008
Painting with Professore Borella
Intaglio with Professoressa Contardi

EXHIBITIONS

Solo
- April 2009 • San José, Califonria • San José State University
  Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition*: "Experiencing the Journey"*

Juried Group
- September 2010 • Ventura, California • Harbor Village Gallery: "Go Figure: A Celebration of the Human Form. Open Competition for 2D & 3D."
  3rd place for charcoal *"Mark in Rome"*
- June 2010 • Ventura, California • Harbor Village Gallery, Buenaventura Art Association Member Juried Show
  1st place for oil painting *"Hidden in the Rain & Earth"*
- May 2008 • Florence, Italy • City Wide IV Art Exhibition organized by ZanZara and I.D.E.A.

Group
- October 2010 • Ventura, California • Fine Art & Jewelry booth at the Ventura Harvest Art Walk
- December 2009 • Ventura, California • Harbor Village Gallery "Small Image Show"
- June 2009 • Ventura, California • Community Memorial Hospital with Buenaventura Art Association: "Lazy Days of Summer"
- May 2008 • Florence, Italy • California State University International Programs in Florence Annual Student Exhibtion
- May 2007 • Florence, Italy • California State University International Programs in Florence Annual Student Exhibtion

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

3rd Place for Charcoal Drawing:
"Mark in Rome"
September 2010 • Harbor Village Gallery Juror: Richard Franklin

1st Place for Oil Painting:
"Hidden in the Rain and Earth"
June 2010 • Harbor Village Gallery
Juror: Don Johnson

Deans Scholars for the College of Humanities and the Arts
San José State University
Scholastic Years 2006/07 and 2007/08

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ventura High School
Art Teacher Assistant
February – March 2010
- Assisted art teacher in a multicultural high school art class.
- Instructed students in addition to helping with class management & organization.

STUDIOS

Studio at the Sea Breeze Gallery
August 2009 - January 2010
Ventura, California
- Participated in Ventura's open studios *"First Fridays"* monthly.

LANGUAGES

English • Mothertongue
Italian • Fluent

COMPUTER SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite:
- In Design - Photoshop
- Illustrator

Microsoft Office:
- Word - Excel
- Access - Outlook
- PowerPoint