

The Sky is the Limit: The Artistry of Jason Watkins

Jason Watkins is an enthusiastic artist and sophomore currently attending Middle Tennessee State University. He prefers acrylic paint on canvas for his personal expression while learning new and related techniques through personal discovery and the Department of Art and Design. Indeed! The sky is the limit when it comes to Jason's triumvirate use of creativity, hand, and brush!

Art and Design (AAD) – Hi Jason, thank you for taking some time to speak with us today. Could you tell us a little bit about your background?

Jason – Thank you for this opportunity! I was born in Nashville and graduated from Smyrna High School here in Rutherford County last year. For as long as I can remember, I have had a strong passion for creating art.

AAD – What are you looking toward for your undergrad degree, Jason?

Jason – I'm pursuing a major in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, with a minor in Art and Design.

AAD – Everything has been a little different around here from what you probably expected when you first came to campus. What thoughts and perspectives can you share with us about this global crisis in which we find ourselves?

Jason – Attending MTSU during this pandemic, I believe most professors are doing the best they can in these challenging times. Taking classes remotely and online did not affect me as much as others since I was enrolled in dual enrollment classes during high school.

AAD – Ok, so that explains your being a sophomore. So, I guess you'd agree that dual enrollment was a very positive thing for you?

Jason – Yes!

AAD – Jason, you recently participated in Todd Art Gallery's collective exhibits, *Collective Memories: Creative Expressions through Contemporary Art* and *Words to Live By*. What was that like for you?

Jason – I felt honored to have been a part of Dr. Barbara and Mr. Leroy Hodge's art exhibition last semester.

AAD – Yes, both exhibits were excellent, with a wide range of well-represented artists. We're also pleased you were involved! Do you have any other exhibit successes you'd like to mention?

Jason – I do. Last year, I won first place with one of my original paintings in a talent contest and art show at Murfreesboro's Bradley Academy Museum.

AAD – Congratulations! And, again, Jason, we want to thank you for your time. As we conclude, tell us a little more about your paintings and efforts to get the word out about your artwork?

Jason – While I have traditionally kept to acrylic on canvas, I believe my style is not limited to one. You can view the variety of my pursuits on Instagram [@jasonwatkinsart](#) and on my website at www.jasonwatkinsart.com.

AAD – Any last thoughts?

Jason – I'd like to say that sharing my artwork within the community has blessed me tremendously. The sky is the limit!