Susan Heidi Filardo

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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Susan Heidi Filardo began drawing figurative works at age five – fascinated by the ability to create a likeness on paper, this quickly became a passion. Susan began as a self-taught artist working in watercolors and acrylics. Inspired by the classic pinup art of Alberto Vargas and the retro pinup movement which embraces the nostalgia of a bygone era and spices it up with a modern, take-charge attitude, Susan Heidi Pin-Up Art was born in 2006.

More recently, she studied oil painting with master painter Paul W. McCormack, landing one of her first traditional works in oil ("Self Portrait", 18x24, oil on linen) a spot in the renowned Allied Artists of America Annual Exhibition in 2012. Whether creating an illustration or fine art painting, Susan's aim is always to create an image that comes alive. Translucent skin tones are a trademark of her figurative style. Susan's illustration work is compared to that of the well known pinup masters, has been exhibited by invitation with the top erotic artists from around the world and is collected in the United States and Europe.

Susan accepts commissions. Please contact her for details.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Garrison Art Center (Garrison, NY) Off the Wall, 50/50 Exhibition, May 23 - June 22, 2014

PAST EXHIBITIONS. PUBLICATIONS. FEATURES

Garrison Art Center (Garrison, NY) Riverside Silent Auction, May 2014

Art in the Lone Star State; Lone Star Roundup (Austin, TX), April 2014

NY Comic Con (New York, NY) October 2013

Flavorwire.com 14 Female Pin-up Artists You Should Know - But Probably Don't by

Stephanie Nolasco. February 2013

Allied Artist's of America 99th Annual Exhibition. The National Arts Club (NYC)

"Self Portrait", 18x24, oil on linen, November 2012

The Perfect Pin-Up (Crains New York, October 2012)

The Sissy Gamache Show (New York, NY) October 2012

New York Comic Con (New York, NY) October 2012

IMMORTALIZED: Then and Now, Distinction Art Gallery, (Escondido, CA) August 2012

New York Comic Con (New York, NY) October 2011

New York Comic Con (New York, NY) October 2010

Heavy Metal Magazine, Featured Artist, May 2010

Airbrush Bible Wolfgang Publications, April 2010

Pinup Pandemonium 2 (Eastchester, NY) Pinup Art Group Show; Claude Gallery, Sept. 2009

Distinction Art Gallery (Escondido, CA) Pinup & Burlesque Group Art Show, October 2009

How to Airbrush Pinups by Frank Seasons (Wolfgang Publications). October 2009

Carmel Magazine Gallery Scene (Monterey, CA) Summer/Fall 2009

The Alternative Cafe (Monterey, CA) Garter Belts & Gasoline Group Art Show, July/August 2009 Stars & Stripes '09 (Los Angeles, CA) Playboy Mansion: Wounded Warriors Project, May 2009

The Loud Idiots, interview, loudidiots.com, www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nZQwy1WQaQ

Edward Champion's Reluctant Habits, interview, <u>www.edrants.com/new-york-comic-consusan-heidi/</u>

New York Comic Con, (New York, NY) February 2009

Dirty Show TEN (Detroit, MI) group show, February 2009, http://www.dirtyshow.org

Bud's Art Books, Incorrigible catalog Issue 812A (December 2008) cover art,

BudsArtBooks.com

Harvest Erotic Art Show (October 2008, Atlanta, Georgia, by invitation)

The Pinup Files, Gallery II, featured artist, June 2008 to present, http://www.thepinupfiles.com ARTundressed Erotic Art Festival and Tour 2008 (Miami, Los Angeles, New York, Amsterdam,

Germany, and London)

Blinky's Zine Episode 2 (Summer 2008), feature article

FantasyBookspot.com New York Comic Con '08 Review

Live from New York Comic Con with Artist Susan Heidi on Catch Da Craze, May 2008,

http://catchdacraze.blogspot.com/2008/05/live-from-new-york-comic-con-with.html

The World's Greatest Erotic Art of Today, volume 2 (juried entry), May 2008

New York Comic Con 2008, Artist Alley

Drop Dead Sexy Pinups, http://www.deadsexypinups.com

Tattoo Arte Magazine Cover, issue no. 39, November 2007, Sabina Kelley (art direction)

Imago Zine, November 2007, Sabina Kelley (art direction)

Harvest 07, Erotic Art Festival (October 2007, Atlanta, Georgia, by invitation)

PinUpPost.com, September 2007, (http://www.pinuppost.com/category/art/)

Altered Esthetics Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (Crazy 8's Group Show, August 2007)

PinUps for Troops by Lucky Seven Enterprises (published 2006)

Strange Pleasures Fanzine Featured Artist (http://www.spfanzine.com/howgreattheart.html)

REVIEWS

Susan Heidi is one of the best pinup illustrators of today...

by Edward Reed, January 2008, Pin-Up Post.com

Fleshbot.com by Audacia Ray (September 2006) http://fleshbot.com/sex/art/susan-heidi-pin+up-art-202580.php

ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB

www.susanheidi.com www.instagram.com/susanheidifilardo www.susanhfilardo.carbonmade.com www.facebook.com/susanheidiart www.youtube.com/susanheidi

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Portrait Society of America

ART INSTRUCTION, EDUCATION

Paul W. McCormack Studios, Portraiture in Oils Blair School of Art (Wake Forest, N.C.), Portrait and Realism Classes Lafayette College, Bachelor of Science, Chemical Engineering

MAJOR WORKS

Self-Portrait, juried selection, The of Allied Artists of America 99th Annual Exhibition (NY, NY), Nov. 2012

Welcome to My Web and Innermost Thoughts, 2010, commissioned by Acey Slade Tickle Me Pink, 2009 (15x20 acrylic on illustration board, published, *How to Airbrush Pinups*) Classic Pink & Black, 2008; Pink & Black Days and Oh, Cherry Pie!, 2007 (20x30 in. acrylic on illustration board) featuring Sabina Kelley

Fishnet Stockings, 2006 (juried winner, "The World's Greatest Erotic Art of Today, vol. 2", 2008)