

# Benjamin Davis

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Benjamin Davis was born on November 29, 1983 and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has mild cerebral palsy. His artistic work began when he was a toddler of three. His father brought home reams of scrap paper from work on which Benjamin used pencil, crayons and toy watercolor sets to create voluminous works of art. He did not let his disabilities prevent him from developing his art talent. He has used art as means of expression.

Benjamin attended Salt Lake City Extension of the Ogden School for the Deaf and Blind for much of his education. He studied in the mainstream art classes offered by Cottonwood High School. He has always been interested in drawing, but through some very talented and encouraging high school teachers, he started to learn how to paint landscape, seascape, and figure. He attended Salt Lake Community College studying art.



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Benjamin has shown remarkable ability in any medium including oil, watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, and charcoal. He also is talented in computer art. He is comfortable with any art style, but under the instruction of one of the best known landscape artists in the West,

Bonnie Posselli, he has begun to make a name for himself as an oil landscape artist. He also paints beautiful portraits.

Benjamin has continued painting after high school and has exhibited in many places. He entered and won a trip to Washington DC to show his art in the VSA International Arts Festival in 2004. Here is a list of his exhibits and shows so far.

- 300 plates Art Benefit show 2008,2009 Art Access Gallery
- Bountiful Handcart Days Art show 2011 Bountiful Davis Art Center, Bountiful, Utah
- Provo Freedom Festival Art Show 2009 Provo, Utah
- Holiday Art Show: 2009, 2010, 2011 Bountiful Davis Art Center, Bountiful, Utah
- Featured as “Emerging Artist” 2008 Bountiful Summerfest, Bountiful, Utah
- Bountiful Summerfest Art Exhibit 2008, Bountiful Davis Art Center, Bountiful, Utah
- Solo Exhibit: Goldman Sachs 2008 Salt Lake City, Utah
- Holiday Art Show 2007 Art Access Gallery
- Deseret Morning News Landscape Art Show, 2006 - Salt Lake City, Utah
- Salt Lake County Library, solo exhibit, 2005 - Sandy, Utah
- Salt Lake Community College student exhibit, 2005, 2004 - Salt Lake City, Utah
- Art Access Partners Exhibit with Bonnie Posselli, 2004 - Salt Lake City, Utah
- Robert G. Sanderson Community Center, solo exhibit, 2004 - Salt Lake City, Utah
- VSA International Arts Festival, 2004: Utah state winner- Washington D.C.
- Western Region Outreach Center Calendar, 2004, 2003
- National Ability Center, 2003 - Park City, Utah
- Utah State Fair: 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2001
- Many awards, ribbons and honors.



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During the Ogden Deaf Branch for the Deaf's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007, Benjamin painted an oil portrait of the Ogden Branch for the Deaf and his picture was given to Lucy

Greenwood to show appreciation of her loyal services.



**Ogden Branch for the Deaf painted by Benjamin Davis**

He has displayed and sold his work in galleries in Park City and Salt Lake City. His art is currently for sale personally through his website, his facebook page, [www.art.com](http://www.art.com), [www.artistrising.com](http://www.artistrising.com) and [www.allposters.com](http://www.allposters.com).

Benjamin's Christmas Gingerbread house painting was marketed as a children's puzzle by the Springbok puzzle company beginning in the year of 2012. Many of his paintings are now showcased on his website so that everyone can have a glimpse of his talent.

Benjamin's Web Art Gallery can be found in: <http://www.benjamindavis.net/index.html>

## **Note**

Benjamin Davis. E-mail message to Jodi B. Kinner. October 25, 2012.