

Leslie Murphy Artist Statement

I was born, raised and still reside in Atlanta, GA (well, Metro Atlanta) and have been an artist for as long as I can remember. Growing up shy and awkward, making art was always a comfort. By the time I was 8 I knew I only wanted to be an artist when I grew up. That didn't change a bit by the time I graduated from high school.

I attended the Atlanta College of Art, where I earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, majoring in illustration with a concentration in painting. I worked my tail off and graduated with Suma Cum Laude honors. My time at ACA was wonderful. I regard those years as some of my happiest. Post art school my life has been a joyous, but hectic blur of teaching fine art, painting for pleasure, creating custom art and illustration, and spending my days with the people I love.

I should mention that from age 15 onward, I have had an outstanding man by my side, showering me with love and support. In 2008 my high school sweetheart and I got married, nine months later we became the proud parents of an amazing little girl, and our life entered a new chapter. 6 years later we welcomed a baby boy to our family. My husband and my children are at the center of my world, providing me with endless love and inspiration. I continue to teach in addition to working as a freelance illustrator. I enjoy using a variety of media and techniques both traditional and digital. Life is good.

Learn more about Leslie at her website: www.lesliemurphypaints.art