

Michael D'Orazio

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Mission Statement

-----To provide the public with quality product and manufacturing, to introduce new concepts, to attract and excite new trends. To open up new pathways to create new ideas, that may stimulate the economy.

Education

Montgomery County Community College (1990-1993)

- Graduated May, 1993. Associates in Fine Arts
- Grade Point Average: 3.2 overall,

There I studied illustration, perspective drawing, still and life drawing, oil painting, sculpture, graphic design, typography, along with art history, figure studies, drawing, and writing classes,

University of the Arts (1995-1997)

- Graduated May, 1997. B.F.A in Illustration
- Grade Point Average: 3.5 overall,
- Dean's List: September 1995-May 1997

There I studied, in depth, Children's book illustration, still and life drawing, book design, calligraphy, Adobe design programs, graphic design, editorial, and Business Ethics.

Montgomery County Community College (2001-2002)

---I went back to this school and ended up taking internet, and html classes, which ultimately gave me the knowledge to design my own websites, and use the internet successfully. I started my website in 2003, building it slowly, and evolved it up until the present, You can find it at this link:

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Mediums

I am experienced working with watercolours, ink, technical pens, gouache, acrylics, oil paints, and colored pencils. I narrowed down my medium to a process I learned from the University of the Arts, which is as follows: **Ink paintings printed on clear transparency film over watercolours on illustration board.**

Apprenticeship

---Apprenticed in 1999 with an older artist who engraved gravestones for a funeral parlor on the mainline. There I learned to use a dremel engraving tool on stone tiles and illustrate them with holy pictures taken from Catholic images. I did a series of 15 engravings before I abandoned the project.

Authorship and Book Design

1998-2004-**The World of Michael D’Orazio: Voyages in Illustration**---A compilation of work that I did from the University of the Arts, to my comics that I did thereafter.

2007—**Trixie, the Schizophrenic Girl**--- is a graphic novel, and a collection of stories that was started in 2006. "Trixie" was a girl who went through personal turmoil only to thrive as an artist who triumphed over social adversity. It also includes favorites like "The Trees that got mad", "The Folk Singer", and "Hitler wanted to be an Artist". Another personal favorite is "The Boy, the Stones, and the Tree".

2008---**Freak’in Out**---A compilation of comics that I did from 1998 to 2000. Includes Freak’in Out, early Trixie, the schizophrenic Girl, and Zero. It also includes some of my writings.

2008—**The World of Inappropriate Things**---A compilation of Dark art, and comics. In full color.

2009--**The Monster Who Wouldn’t Leave**---A children’s book that was started in 1998, and resumed in 2009 when I had enough experience to carry it through and finish the book.

2010---“**Selected Poems**”, and “**Michael D’Orazio’s Sketchbook 1998-1999**”-----All of my best poems and sketches written during this time while I drove around to different coffee shops drawing for hours on end.

2010-2011---I am currently working on a new children’s book called “**The Boy who was the Sun**”, all about a boy who comes from a dark world and goes on a quest to transcend his situation, and enlighten the world.

2010---“**Screammmm...**” was the last book I published with ink paintings, stories, and poems that I wrote. Some of this work has adult themes, and is mostly for adult reading.

Art Shows and Exhibitions

1995.....Lionfish coffee house, 2nd and Fairmount, Center City, Pa.

1998.....University of the Arts, Broad, and 13th Street, Center City, Pa.

1998.....?????Unknown Coffee shop, Conshocken, Pa.

1999.....La Tazza Coffee house, Cotton Street, Manayunk, Pa

2000.....Dirty Frank’s bar in Center City, Philadelphia, 13th and Pine St. Pa

2005.....Norristown Art League, Germantown pike, East Norriton, Pa.

2008.....MugShot's coffee house, Manayunk, Pa.
2008..... Craft show at Dawson's Street pub, Manayunk, Pa.
2009.....Chaplin's Music Café, Spring City, Pa
2009..... Craft show at Phoenixville High school, Phoenixville, Pa
2009.....Steel City Coffee House, Bridge Street, Phoenixville, Pa
2009.....Whippoorwill Works art and crafts, Audubon, Pa
2010.....Steel City Coffee House, Bridge Street, Phoenixville, Pa
2010.....The Art Center of Phoenixville, Bridge Street, Pa.
2011.....Steel City Coffee House, Bridge Street, Phoenixville, Pa
2011.....Into the Sun Living Arts Tattoo shop, Bridge Street, Phoenixville, Pa

Songwriting Experience

I have really no formal training in Songwriting but was pushed into bands when I was heard singing in class. My first band called "**Feedback**"(1989) practiced often and had one show at the **Norristown High School Talent show** in 1989.

My second band "**The Burning**" (1990) was a Goth/Punk band that played numerous shows as follows: **Pottsgrove High School Talent show, Amnesty concert in Pottstown, Kimberton fair in 1990, Holiday Inn in 1990, Revival Nightclub in Center City, Philadelphia, , Voodoo Nightclub in Center City, also numerous parties in Reading and Pottstown, and Unisound studios in Reading.**

In the band "**The Burning**" I received my first start in song writing and composing. We recorded with producers and sound engineers such as **Ian Cross**, and **Brian Bricklin at Dome Sound Studios**. We recorded many songs, and it wasn't until 2009 the reel to reels released to me, and published under my name and the name I came up with," **The Burning**". The story of this moment in my life is published in a 45 page book called "**Evil, the Rise and Fall of The Burning**", and is currently on **Amazon.com** with the rest of my books.

I am self taught on guitar, and studied since 1993, wrote many songs and started to record my solo work in 2002. I compiled 18 cd's since then under the name **Michael D'Orazio**, such as **Suicide, Sing-a-Song, Who I am, Sing-a-Song 2, Kali Ma, Sign of the Times, Live at Chaplin's, Your Death/Lament, Folk Noir, Songs of Triumph and Despair, and "The Very Best of Michael D'Orazio"**, etc. all which are recorded low budget on my home recording systems. I played shows at these venues, **Jester's bar and grille, Phoenixville 2004, The Square Bar, West Chester(2004), and Chaplin's Music Café** in 2009 on three occasions, all which are recorded on cd. I also played **open mics** since 1995 to 2010, before ultimately calling it quits.

My music was mostly experimental, and purely original neglecting to conform to pop ideals. I specialize in Gothic, and post punk themes in my work. Most of my musical inspirations came from the early eighties post/punk scene in Manchester, London, and Berlin, Germany. Bands such as **The Chameleons, Misfits, Bauhaus, The Birthday Party, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, Siouxsie and the Banshees, and the Damned** are on my list of favorites.

Employment

I was a **Waiter/Food Server** at various restaurants as follows: El Torito's Casa Maria(3 yrs), Coco's Carousel(1yr), Charly's Place(3yrs), New Mexico Grille, Blue Moon Jazz Club, King of Prussia Tavern(1yr), Carlucci's Gill and Grille(1yr), Chilli's(briefly) in the Philadelphia area. *I sold special dishes, and drinks. *Kept a clean station. *Took food and drink orders, and delivered them to customer's tables. *Prepared, and prepped food before, and after my shift. *Handled money.

Salesperson/Clerk at Tower records. *There I sold music products, books, and videos. *I special ordered products for customers. *Shrink wrapped, or resealed products that needed to be sold. *Maintained my work area. *I organized products on the shelf for presentation, and so they could be easily found. *and used the cash register, and handled money. (7/01-6/02)

I have worked at **Home Depot** SALES ASSOCIATE Home Depot, Audubon, PA * Stocked shelves, racks, cases, bins, and tables with new merchandise. * Sold paint supplies and equipment. * Answered customers' questions about merchandise and advised customers on merchandise selection. * Kept work area clean and free of debris. * Packed customer purchases in bags and cartons. * Received, opened, unpacked and issued sales floor merchandise. * Stocked shelves, racks, cases, bins, and tables with new or transferred merchandise. * Helped customers match colors to existing decor. *Used the cash register, and handled money. (7/02-9/05)

I have worked at **Sherwin Williams** PAINT SALES ASSOCIATE Sherwin Williams, Norristown, PA * Mixed paint for custom orders. * Sold paint and paint supplies, such as brushes, rollers, drop cloths, etc. * Helped customers match colors to existing decor. * Drove store van, delivering merchandise to customers * Itemized and totalled customer merchandise selection at checkout counter, using cash register, and accepted cash or charge card for purchases. * Packed customer purchases in bags and cartons. * Received, opened, unpacked and issued sales floor merchandise. * Stocked shelves, racks, cases, bins, and tables with new or transferred merchandise. * Took inventory and examined merchandise to identify items to be reordered or replenished. * Transported packages to customers' vehicles. (09/05-07-06)

I have worked at **Martin Food Giant** *Packing out groceries on the overnight shift. Fronting products on the shelf, so they are presented for customers. *Disposed of trash, and cardboard. *Used the cash register, and handled money. *(10/06-03/07)

The Gothicstone Tile Gallery, and Warehouse Conshocken, Pa. Here I helped customers at the showroom. *Took down contact information. *Informed customers about the product. *Entered information into database, and followed up on emails. *Cut stone samples, and made sample boards of product. *Shipped samples, and got orders ready for pick up. *Drove a forklift, loading crates into, and out of trucks. *Took phone calls.*Laid concrete into stone pillars. *Put together displays for showroom.(04/07-11/25/07)

Self Employed(from 2008-2012), Publishing illustrated books, utilizing Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft word, PDF converters, Gif animators, HTML FTP programming, etc. Also Web design, word processing, graphic design, gif animation, cd packaging, desktop publishing, marketing, illustration, and designing products.

