

Will Buttner

Born in 1951 in Mauston, Wisconsin.

Moved to Madison in the fall of 1969 to attend the University of Wisconsin.

Exposed to the fine arts for the first time at age 22 in the summer of 1973 during a visit to the Art Institute of Chicago; began studying art history in 1974.

Received a B.B.A. in Management in 1975 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Moved to Minneapolis after graduating and attended studio art classes for two years at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; studied printmaking with UM professor and Universal Limited Art Editions master printer Zigmunds Priede.

Begins painting in 1976; also that year, meets and begins living with Minnesota-native and fellow-artist Trudy Saunders.

Worked for nine years—from 1976 to 1985—as an administrative assistant in the Development and Membership Office at Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

Moved to San Diego in 1985; worked for a year as an administrative assistant in the Office of Development and Public Relations at the University of California, San Diego in LaJolla.

Lived in Arizona, Tennessee and again in Wisconsin.

Participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions between 1990 and 1997, including solo exhibitions at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, Arizona (1990), The Temple of Music and Art, Tucson, Arizona (1991), and the Tucson Museum of Art (1994). Begins drawing in the 1990s.

Used the name “Will Saunders” and the initials “WBS” (William Buttner Saunders) between the years 1986 and 2011 when exhibiting and signing artwork.

Lives in Portland, Oregon with Trudy.