

Will Buttner

Born in Mauston, Wisconsin in 1951; attended St. Patrick Grade School and Mauston Area High School.

Graduated from high school in 1969 and moved to Madison to attend the University of Wisconsin.

Began studying art history in 1974.

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

Began making art in the summer of 1975 at age 24.

Moved to Minneapolis in the fall of 1975 and attended studio-art classes for two years at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; focused on printmaking.

In 1976 in Minneapolis, met and began 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 La Jolla.

Began studying psychology and psychoanalytic theory in 1986 to augment reading in art history and art theory.

Moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1987; exhibited work publicly from 1990 to 1997 while living in Arizona (using the pseudonym ‘Will Saunders’).

Beginning in 2000, lived briefly in La Crosse, Wisconsin; Nashville, Tennessee; and Oro Valley, Arizona before moving to Oregon in 2003.

Lives with Trudy in Portland, Oregon.