PYCH

SUMMER VIOLIN CAMP
June 10th @ 8:30 am - June 12th @ 2:00 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church, 305 East Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524
An Artist Statement

Nick Hughes

My name is Nick Hughes and I am an aspiring graphic designer. I am 30 years old and am from Loveland, Colorado. Ever since elementary school, I knew that art was my favorite subject. Not only did I like art class the best, it was also the subject I was most praised for, with reading being a close second.

My objective is to turn my life-long passion for art into a sustaining career. My path in life hasn’t been the easiest one. I was born to parents with substance abuse problems. At the age of seven my parents got divorced, and my mother’s new partner made her addiction problems much worse. When I was ten and my little brother was three, we were taken into protective custody. For the rest of both of our youths my brother and I stayed in a foster home. The reason I bring this up is to illustrate my motivation to succeed. I am not ashamed of my past because it has taught me everything I have needed to know in my art and in my life. It has also taught me what I don’t want in my life. My experiences show in my art, and these experiences have driven me to the brink of a Bachelor’s degree. I am the first member of my whole extended family to attend a university, let alone graduate from one. I may have been able to achieve these goals in a different upbringing, yet I feel it wouldn’t be as rewarding as what I feel from what I have achieved so far.

My desired career is one in graphic design, though I have a lot of talent in illustration and painting. Whether for a graphic design firm, or for my own freelance business, I want to incorporate all of my art talent and training into my work. I also aspire to use my experiences, my hard work, and my determination to create professional work and lasting memories for my clients.
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PYCH Off the Hook
Summer Chamber Music Festival
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PYCH: Project Youth and Chamber Music
announces it’s Third Season of Off the Hook. Stirring the creative pot as we
strike a theme of Creativity, from discussion to performance, we delve
into artistry and it’s value in our daily lives.

Off the Hook
Most happily, we welcome the return of world renowned composer, lectures, Piano Puzzler, and our very own,
Co-Artistic Director Bruce Adams, for this year’s contemporary chamber music festival. Highlights include:

pianist, Anne-Marie McDermott, Artistic Director of Bravo! Vail Music Festival;
joins us for a benefit recital chamber music performances for all ages as well as educational workshops
and summer camps; and panelists Dr. Dan Broussard, Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Joana Urincar, and choreographer Tony Testa discuss Creativity, with Bruce as moderator.
We hope you find this festival just as fresh and captivating as our first. We look forward to seeing you at all of our events and concerts! Keep reading for our complete 2014 season schedule of events.

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An Expedition Doctor Combines Medicine and Adventure

It is a dark night of a lonely highway outside Santa Fe, N.M. In the distance, on either side of the road, you can still see the looming outlines of distant mesas.

"That's all sedimentary rock up there. If you need to urinate, I'm happy to pull over," Matt Lewis says as he glances out the window. "Some of the greatest fossil discoveries on Earth have been made from taking a piss."

Lewis is not being sarcastic. For him, a drive down a New Mexico highway is something between taking a trip to Disneyland and being subjected to Chinese water torture. Miles upon miles of potential fossils lie in wait, but each mile marker represents another lost opportunity. A few times he can't contain himself, and we pull over to look at deposits by the highway.

"I'm not a geek," he says at one point during this trip, examining an ordinary piece of petrified wood that most fossil hunters would probably ignore. "Something that lasted 130 million years or 100 million years, and it's in beautiful detail. It's just amazing."

Lewis is a professional paleontologist. As such, he is an enthusiastic amateur with an exceptionally good eye. Yet as an expert in "expedition medicine," Lewis has been a part of some of the most intense efforts on Earth. When a 5-ton dinosaur bone breaks a scientist's leg three days' travel from the nearest hospital, few people are better equipped to deal with it than him.

Lewis's dual passions of medicine and fossils make for dizzying conversation as he switches, rapid-fire, between how to fill a dinosaur footprint with plaster and how to use that same plaster to fashion an emergency cast. Back in the castle-like famous fossil diggings, the way others settle baseball stats, and he holds forth on the many uses of safety pins in an emergency — like punching an unconscious patient's tongue in his teeth to prevent choking.

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