



## MARK HESS- a brief biography

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- Born July 13, 1954
- Raised in Michigan, became a rodeo bull rider at the age of 10
- 1972 University of Colorado-Fine Arts major
- Began a career as a painter in 1975 near NYC
- First Gold medal 1976-New York Art Directors Club
- Hundreds of awards from art journals worldwide as well as organizations such as; The New York One Show, Detroit, Miami, Connecticut, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco Art Directors Clubs, the Boston Creative Show, Catholic Press Association, etc.
- Exhibited at the Georges Pompidou Museum, Paris; Society of Illustrators, NYC; Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA, etc.
- First piece obtained by The Smithsonian Museum, Wash. DC-1978 (41 pieces currently in the museum's collection)
- 17 Time Magazine covers to date; weekly "Person of the Week" artist, Time Asia
- 5 Newsweek Magazine covers to date
- Designer for WindStar Cruises, Seabourn Cruise Line and Holland America
- Dozens of Forbes covers to date including the 75th Anniversary cover
- 46 U.S. Postal stamps in circulation including: the series of 4 entitled- "Classic Mail Transportation" stamps voted best of the year in a nationwide poll for 1989; the series of 20 "Legends of the West" also voted best of the year for 1994; and the series of 20 on the "Civil War" also voted best of the year for 1995
- 12 United Nations stamps celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union
- Instructor of senior illustration majors at The School of Visual Arts, NYC for 11 years
- Work published frequently in; Communication Arts, Print Magazine, Graphis, AIGA books, Society of Illustrators Annuals, etc. Featured artist in Pro-Illustration Volume Two, Graphis 328, etc.
- Frequent speaker and judge at art director clubs, schools and art organizations
- Clients include: IBM, Xerox, 3M, CBS, ABC, Levi-Strauss, Champion Intl., Coors, Budweiser, Heineken, American Express, MasterCard, Mobil, New York Times, Time, Newsweek, Fortune, Esquire, Forbes, Business Week, Playboy, Rolling Stone, TV Guide, Sports Illustrated, Notre Dame, Stanford, AIG, RCA, U.S. Postal Service, AT&T, Random House, Simon & Schuster, Warner Comm., Knopf, Paramount, Harper-Collins, United Nations, MGM Grand, Oprah Mag., etc.
- Children's books: Disney's 'Hercules'; 'Drummer Boy' & 'What Did I Know of Freedom?', HarperCollins
- Works in the collections of Donald Trump, Time Warner, Malcolm Forbes, Smithsonian Museum, Charlie Palmer, National Portrait Gallery, Oklahoma State House, John Scofield, Jeff Draime, etc.
- Listed in Who's Who in American Art
- Member of the Society of Illustrators, Graphic Artists Guild, Portrait Society of America, American Philatelic Society and Board of Directors of Kent Film Festival
- Lives and works in a rural setting near NYC with his wife and 3 children and his '56 Corvette