

ART CONTEST

Judges Bios

CALL FOR ART—"GLORY DAYS"

Contest deadline: June 25, 2010

Benjamin Blackburn is an artist whose work frequently uses sport as a means of exploring questions about American history. He is the owner of Wonderboy Studios. Mr. Blackburn is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and is a member of the Butler Institute of American Art, the Smithsonian and the American Folk Art Museum. Mr. Blackburn lives and works near Saint Louis, Mo. His work can be seen online at wonderboystudios.com

Jennifer Ettinger lives and works in Vancouver. She was raised in Nova Scotia, Canada, and played ball throughout her youth. Her father played senior baseball in the 1940s. He was her hero and a big influence in her life. When he died in 1989, she returned to art school and graduated with a degree in fine arts from the Emily Carr Institute in 1993. While she paints animals and abstract images, her [baseball works](#) remain her passion. Her first baseball paintings included images of [Judy Johnson](#), [Josh Gibson](#) and [Smokey Joe Williams](#). Twenty of her baseball paintings have been reproduced and enlarged for display at [Nat Bailey Stadium](#) in Vancouver, the home of the Vancouver Canadians Single A ball team. She also has two baseball public sculptures on display there, [Bob Brown Bear](#) and [Word Bird: George](#). Her website is www.ettinger.ca.

James Fiorentino's artwork spans the entire spectrum of traditional art. Renowned for his ability to create uncanny likeness' of famous sports icons, Fiorentino has propelled to the top of the sports art community. James has painted and illustrated some of the most famous sports figures including Ted Williams, Brett Favre, Yogi Berra and Cal Ripken Jr. Fiorentino was the youngest artist to have work displayed in The National Baseball Hall of Fame and was the youngest artist inducted into the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators. James's work can be seen in national magazines, books, limited edition prints and trading cards. His artwork has been featured on many national television shows and magazines. www.jamesfiorentino.com



By Todd Peterson, artist

Two winners will have work displayed at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, AL July 15-17, 2010

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