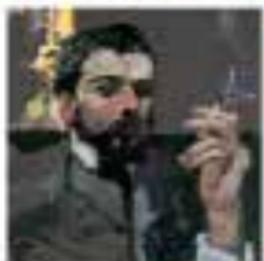


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Dear Reader...

This special issue of Illustration is a celebration of the life and work of one of America's most talented and influential illustrators, Robert Peak.

Peak was perhaps the last of the truly 'classic' illustrators. He was an illustrator when the career was still considered to be a glorious profession—something that is almost hard to imagine now. With the Internet (yes, plural), bolts, bows, long hair, and campfests, he was never big, but the drawing larger than life figures that we imagine him to be. Set aside much of the trappings of his success, Peak knew that anything else was second to his art as an illustrator. He possessed all of his energy within his work, and his ability to create memorable and iconic images never faltered.

As you'll see in the cover of this issue, no single painting can sum up that Peak's career. Much like Sir Peter before him, throughout over the years, was shifting, original, and ever-changing. His personal vision and graphic style influenced the commercial art world, and his art is more representative of the look of contemporary illustration. The 'Paul Louie' became the most identified and imitated style of the day, and almost overnight his work was seen everywhere. His campaign art some of the largest advertisers in the country gave him unprecedented exposure, and his illustrations for the film industry earned him the title of 'Father of the Modern Blockbuster.' But many events and losses have enhanced his reputation as one of the giants of the field, and his profound influence can be seen in the work of countless illustrators working today.

This is indeed an honored opportunity to present this retrospective of work, and I must thank Thomas Peak for allowing me to share this collector's edition accompanying article with you. About the images in this issue were drawn from Thomas' extensive archives, and he went out of his way to dig up many amazing things for this issue. You will not be disappointed.

The concept of this issue, a monograph in magazine form, was first planned to appear in the future with illustrators such as J.C. Leyendecker and A. Parker. I hope you like it, though, and I would be pleased to receive comments.

Now, on to the story!



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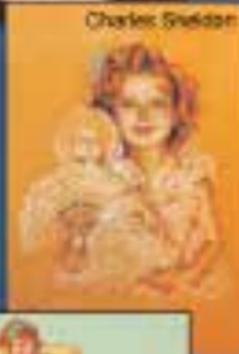
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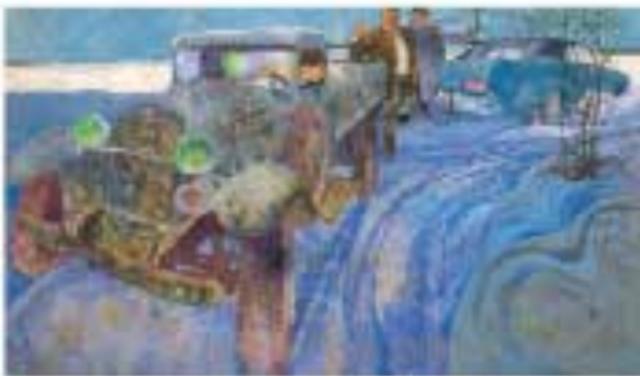
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The Life and Art of Robert Peak

by Thomas Peak

If you lived in America during the latter half of the 20th Century, read a magazine or newspaper at least once a month, then you are already familiar with the work of my father, Bob Peak. From 1953 until his passing in 1993, and throughout himself as one of the country's most prolific illustrators, setting his pen and brush to such exciting images for major magazines, newspapers, movie posters, and a countless number of consumer print ads. As a child growing up in New York and Connecticut with my older brother and two sisters, Robert and Marlene (a consummate mother) were that something containing my brother. Illustrations did not come between them. Whether it was a *Time*, *TV Guide*, or *Sport Illustrated* magazine cover, a *Coca-Cola*, *Pepsi*, or *TM&© 1986* print ad, or some other recognizable image from one of many major national publications, my father's art was seen everywhere he almost everyone.

Inside 40 years that my father worked as a professional illustrator, he rose to the top of the field and received numerous awards and accolades. Among those honors were eight awards of Distinction and four Gold Medals from the Society of Illustrators, with induction into their Hall of Fame in 1975, being named "Artist of the Year" by The Art Directors Council of New York in 1986, receiving the "Art in Literature" Award from *Book Week*, The Hollywood Reporter's 100 contributions to the film industry plus many other awards



Robert Peak, 1986

and honors that had accumulated over the course of his career—a career that spanned nearly four decades.

But in the beginning, before all of the acclaim recognition began, there was just a seven-year-old boy who fell in love with his dad's art of brushes and paints a boy who would grow into a man with a consummate talent.

THE EARLY YEARS

Bob Peak's life began at 729 a.m. on May 31, 1927, born to Robert W. Peak Sr. and Helen Marie Hulic at their home in Trinidad, Colorado. As a baby Bob was so beautiful that a couple who offered a large sum for \$10,000, Nationally, my grandfather would have no part of it. After the fact that Bob's mom, Gertrude, was pregnant, and the subsequent stock market crash of October 1929, the Peaks were suddenly left with the same financial struggles that affected millions of Americans at that time. When Bob's father found work difficult to come by in Trinidad, he packed up the family and moved them to Denver in hopes of finding better prospects. In the years that followed, Bob's mother gave birth to two more children, Virginia and Rosemary, and when her health

in Denver, she died so the family (of six) had no income, so the only food was provided by a small garden, known now, for added survival the children would, at times, dig up worms and eat them. Bob's grandfather, Bob's grandfather at the time, would gather by the side of his siblings' bed and



Bob Ross at age 10, Wichita, Kansas.

when his mother bought him a cardboard desk with a beginner's set of paints and brushes. The Christmas gift captivated the boy immediately, and he spent the months that followed taking any opportunity he could to draw and paint. By the time he turned eight, Bob was able to draw recognizable blossoms—an early indication of what he would eventually be capable of.

Just before Bob's ninth birthday, his mother fell ill with pneumonia and passed away at the age of 33. Helen Maudie, a devout Catholic, asked that before her death she be baptized and confirmed, requesting the same for all of her children. Robert Sr. saw to her wishes and made sure that all of the children received their sacraments.

The premature death of Bob's mother hit the family hard, and Bob Sr.—left with little more than his son's sewing machine and the little doohies they had amongst them—moved the family to Wichita, Kansas. The hard times they experienced in those same years led to the Midwest, however, and life in their Aunt Arie's was devoid of any luxuries. To make matters worse for the children, Bob Sr.'s sister was a strict disciplinarian that demanded they keep house with regular chores. After Bob Sr. took a job selling hair care products for Gibson

winter nights and encourage them all to say an act of contrition,

"this way," the boy said. "If we die during the night from the cold, we will all go to heaven."

Like many children that possess special talents, Bob was a curious and intense child who could be quite temperamental. He enjoyed playing with other children but also found ways to occupy his mind when left alone. A turning point in Bob's life occurred at the age of seven when he began to draw. A turning point in Bob's life occurred at the age of seven when he began to draw.

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Products Company, the children often saw their father during the day; it was under these circumstances that my dad learned the value of self-reliance.

When Bob was a teenager he worked long hours as a clerical at the local Kroger grocery store, staying until eleven on school nights and working additional hours over the weekend. Undeniably, Bob began to fantasize about building a better life for himself in the future, rebuffing any suggestion there his workaholic dad was in the poverty business. As a form of escape outside of work and school responsibilities, Bob would continue to draw pictures as he did in his childhood.

As a young man, however, he shifted his focus away from the world of parental chores to those of his artistry; he wished to visit images such as a couple walking on a beach, a group of jazz musicians, or a landscape in New York. In spite of his drab surroundings and a lack of encouragement from his father, Bob pursued it what was becoming a private obsession with art, even building his own makeshift studio in the basement of his aunt's house.

MILITARY SERVICE

Bob's high school career ended with early graduation at the age of 15 in 1942. Though he skipped two grades, he took all of the art courses available at Catholic High School in Wichita. His interest in drawing and painting peaked during this time, though he participated in school plays and worked every day after school.

Skeptical of his chance at success in an art career, Bob enrolled at the University of Wichita where he majored in geology. The choice of subject was not a good fit for Bob, who quickly lost interest in his course-work. It wasn't long

before he enlisted in the Navy in May 1943 as a Seaman First Class—assigned to see the world—and was promptly shipped off for eight weeks of basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of his training, Bob was shipped out to US Naval Reserve Base in San Francisco, California.

Though Bob never ascertained if the faraway Korean War the Navy gave him an opportunity to showcase his artistic talents to his peers. Perhaps my dad did not let his shyness stop him from sharing his artwork with his superiors that they sent back home to their families. It was at this point that Bob started to believe that he might someday have a legitimate shot at becoming a professional illustrator. The Navy also gave him time to hone his craft; though placed in charge of the ship's stores, there was always time between his duty to sit with a pad of paper and sketch on his drawings.



Bob Ross in high school, Wichita, Kansas.

RETURNING HOME

Dad's time in the service ended with an honorable separation from the U.S. Navy on August 19, 1946. Filled with renewed optimism at the prospect of making headway in his art career, Bob returned home to find that his siblings were living in an even more desperate strait than they were in when he left. Using his G.I. Bill and money he had managed to save while he was in the service, my father was able to put a down payment on a new home located at 3029 Ponting Street in Wichita. He also trained himself to a brand new Mercury convertible.

In 1947, dad resumed his studies at the University of Wichita—this time, as an art major. Having amassed a sizeable portfolio of work by this time, Bob paid a visit to McCormick-Artemis, a large printing firm in the midwest that hired him on part-time in the art department. The large staff at McCormick-Artemis included people in the layout, illustration, and lettering departments. Bob was put to work in all three, receiving valuable encouragement from his supervisors and co-workers. The versatility and rapport dad received from his time at McCormick-Artemis gave him the self-confidence to pursue a career in commercial illustration, giving him a firm foundation upon which to build.

ART CENTER SCHOOL

Though Bob made strides while attending the University of Wichita, the school was primarily a teacher's college and therefore did not have a regimented curriculum for learning illustrations. Of the classes that were offered, Bob avoided himself of courses in ceramics, lettering, industrial rendering, perspective, and watercolor painting. All the while, dad focused on the few areas of illustration. However, he knew that if he was going to go on to the next level, he would eventually have to go to New York to prove his worth—all the same, it was one thing to be good by Wichita standards, but it was something else to get noticed in New York.

By the time he graduated from the University of Wichita in 1956, Bob sent his portfolio to the Art Center School in Los Angeles (now Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California). He was accepted on a partial scholarship in October of that year. Fortunately, the time he had spent at the University of Wichita was not a complete waste—he had accumulated enough credits that the Art Center School allowed him to start at the halfway point of their three-year program. The next two years of his life now appear in the vigorous pursuit of his craft. Among his teachers were the famous illustrators John Saloia and Reynolds Bezwoda. LuGena taught Bob with an old school rigor, emphasizing the importance of giving one hundred percent effort to all projects.



Bob Pohl, his sisters, and brother. LEFT TO RIGHT: Bob Pohl, Dorothy Engen, Hopkins Estate, Bernice Walens, and William Pohl.

In order to support himself while he attended school, Bob had a variety of jobs—sitting floors and cooking in the cafeteria, landscaping the campus grounds, and waiting tables at local restaurants. He lived with a fellow student in a small dorm on campus, and spent what little free time he had—continuously drawing and painting. Unlike the University of Wichita, the Art Center School channeled all of Bob's classes toward the study of illustration exclusively, enabling him to learn such topics as shading for illustration, lead drawing, life drawing, and advertising, that nation.

Romance would also enter the father's life during this time. He met a young woman—a fellow student at Art Center School—by the name of Lucille Tolosa. After a brief courtship, the couple married in 1952. The gal came from a family that owned a growing ready mix concrete business located

in Southern California. Bob's father, also, Simeon (Sam) Tolosa, was no friend of his more care-free life; he had leased him a portion of partial ownership in the family business. Bob, however, was intent on following his chosen career path. In the short span of time after his graduation from Art Center School, my dad spent three solid months assembling a sizeable portfolio of his work while my mother worked a full-time job to support them. He took the roadbed with him when they left for New York City in 1953.

Armed with little more than self-confidence and ambition, when he arrived in New York, Bob was able to land a job at the Alexander E. Chase Studios. Though he made very little



Bob Pohl with his wife, Lucille, 1952.

Obsessed in the best circles.



Old Hickory Tobacco advertisement, 1940



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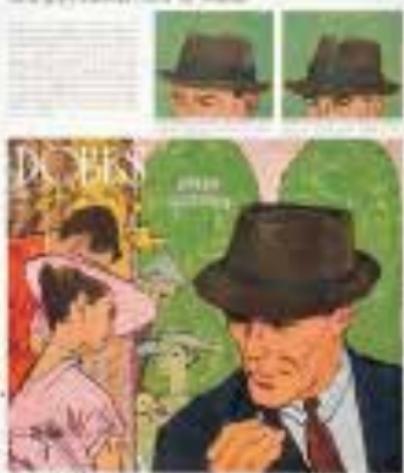
Marlboro cigarette advertisement, 1988

ment. He was working in the company of a number of other fine illustrators. Some past Charr Studio clients included Robert McGinnis, Hale Hovde, Beren Fuchs, and Frank McCarthy. At this time, most of the commercial illustrations being produced was done in the "Cooper Studio style"—a photo-realistic style of painting that relied heavily on photographic and the halftone process, a approach made famous by the competing Cooper Studio in New York, that forced or took out of the market most and produce more expressive work. He was often told, "There's no market for your hand-painted work. You're going to have to pull it up your horns."

Bob made an effort to conform to this standard, and suddenly received a few early assignments. Discontented with his work, however, he made the decision that he would have to turn to himself, or he may as well give up and move back to California. Bob presented to him all of the illustrations he had made to that point, and noted that most of them could only do the kind of work that he wanted to do spending the time and effort perfecting his art.

An art director and a veteran of Charr Studios took notice of Bob's paintings and appreciated what he was trying to do with his work. The salesman took a stack of Bob's sketches over to Martin Strook, a friend and an editor at Old Hickory Tobacco. At that time, the company was looking for an illustrator to create images for their new ad campaign.

After a long career working for magazine publications such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *Fortune*,



DeBees advertisement, 1988

After that initial meeting, Bob received an assignment to create some concept drawings for Old Hickory. The same assignment was also given to Remy Bourque, but received further illustrations to have work approved in three days' time in the 1980's and also created by Bob. Arneurin Jupari, Helene Schindler, and Elizabeth Miller among his clients. Bob expanded the range of Bourque's work, which also included portraits of celebrities including Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Jack Palance, William and Diane DeMille, and Igor Stravinsky.

In approaching this assignment, Bob created an unusual piece depicting men with book ends and binoculars holding their hands up in front of their faces. It was a departure from the images of beautiful people often seen in commercial illustration at that time. An interested client, his unconventional style appealed to the people at Old Hickory, and he was chosen over Bourque for the final job. Using the bourbon campaign as a springboard, it was only a matter of months before Bob found his illustrations on the back covers of *Look* and *Life* magazines, and he went from making virtually nothing a week to making over \$40,000 a year. In quick succession, Bob had established himself as a name in the commercial art world.

The impact of his work with the Old Hickory campaign led him to other assignments from Pepsi-Cola, Cherrey and DeBees, Hutz,

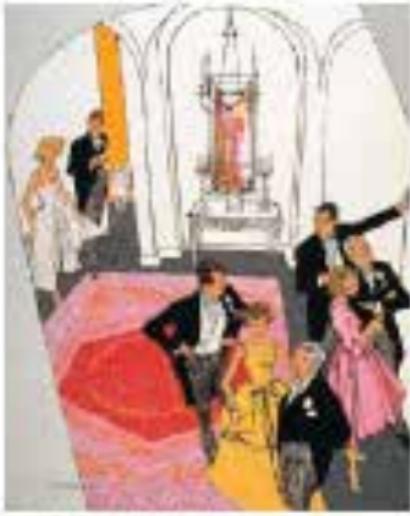
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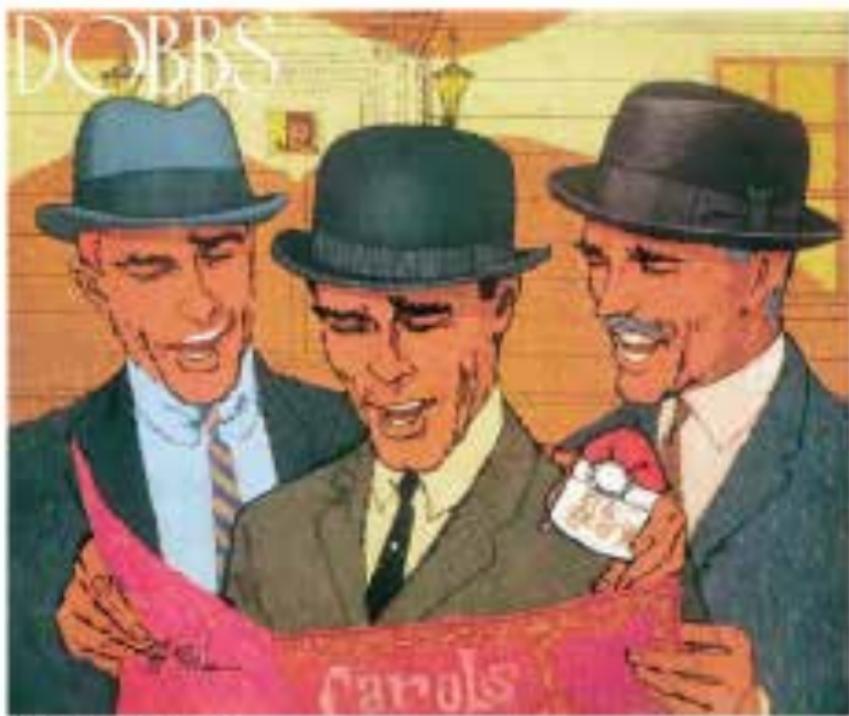
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THE 1960s

Bob's career would truly ascend in the 1960s, bringing him assignments and acclaim across a wide spectrum. In that decade, he would work on high-profile campaigns for some of America's largest companies, including R.J. Reynolds, Ford Motor Company, 7-Eleven, Trans World Airlines, and Peters. He would start painting editorial Spuds illustrated and TV Guide, eventually creating 100 separate covers for the country's television bible throughout the '60s '70s and '80s. In 1964, Bob would also be the first man to begin his advertising work for major motion pictures. Over the next two decades, his iconic poster art for films such as *Psycho*, *Seven*, and *Soylent Green* would further cement his reputation as a legend in the field of commercial illustration.

As the assignments began to pour in, it became increasingly difficult for Bob to manage his own business affairs and still have enough time to do quality work. With his clever thinking, and high gear, it made sense that he take on official representation. An associate of Bob suggested that he contact with a friend of his by the name of Harvey Kalin. When they met for the first time in 1966, Kalin had already established himself as a representative at leading studios and photo agencies, and was quickly on the way to becoming one of the most respected agents in New York for illustrators. By chance, Bob eventually met and worked with such names as Alan E. Dobe, Benji Fuchs, and Wilson McLean.

When Kalin first went to visit Bob Pecking in 1966, the family was living in the top new floor of 36 Central Park South in New York City, just north of the park. The master bedroom and Bob's studio were on the very top floor, with the children's rooms located down and other quarters occupying the three below. When Kalin rang the doorbell, Bob answered and immediately introduced the agent to Louella, saying, "This lady will handle she is the most important person in my life." After the pleasant introduction, Kalin would go on to represent Bob Peck for the next 30 years of his career.

By 1966, Bob and Louella decided that they and their young family would become settled away from the hectic streets of New York, and instead in the picturesque surroundings of Greenwich, Connecticut. With two young children at that point, the couple felt that Greenwich offered the serenity and style of living ideal for those growing up in. Bob chose one of his favorite spots near New York, where he decided to rent, with chores, since he was taking full an established office in the city.

Bob set up his studio at the family house, separate from the living quarters to allow for ample privacy and solitude. Once there, he continued with his chosen schedule, constantly working on sets to star fresh and keep his work in demand. He went to great lengths to stay in touch with the ever-changing tastes of everyday, reading whatever new books or magazines he could get his hands-on, taking in a variety of material designed to keep young children of this age up to the elderly. His writing notes and continual research was also



Bob Peck's advertisement for 1960-61 Kodak and Argus.



Bob Peck in the Park, 1960-61 © 1960-61 AGFA.



Bob Peck's children in Greenwich, c. 1966 (L-R) Jeff, Debbie, Catherine Rogers, Suzanne Peck, Robert Peck, Thomas Peck.



Puffin Bookseller advertisement, c. 1982-83. Design: Michael Cole

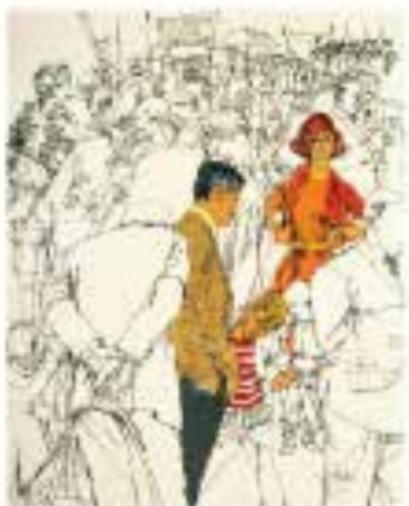


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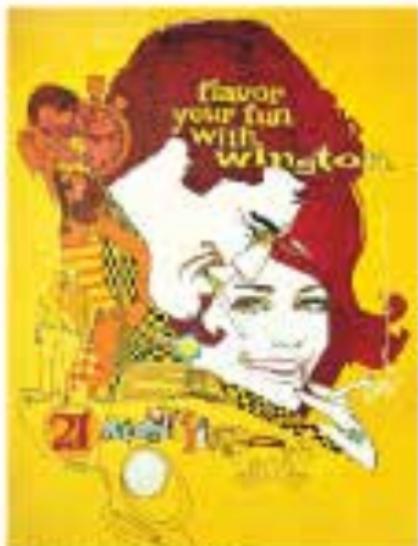
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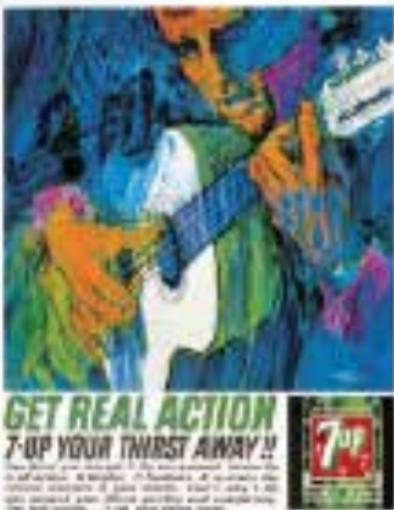
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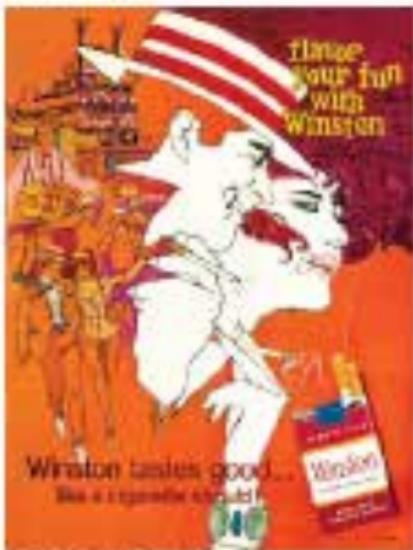
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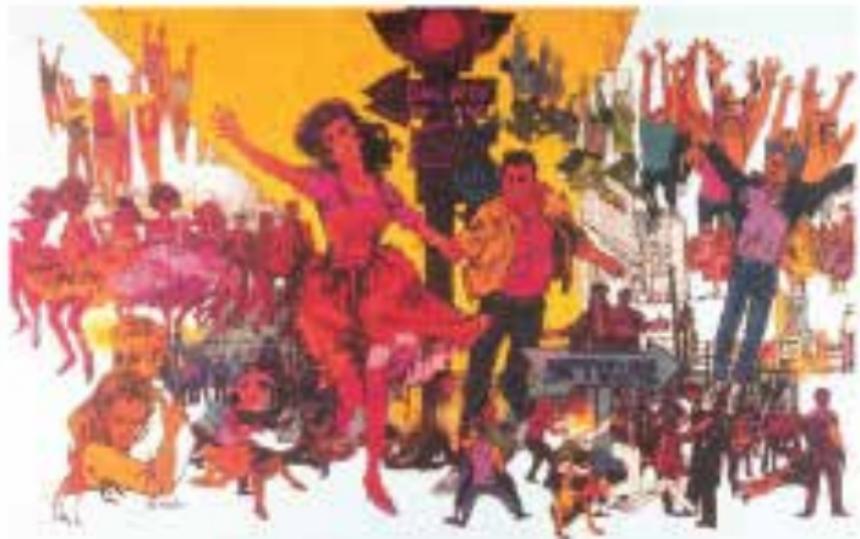
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Winston cigarette advertisement, 1970



Bob Peak's first comic book art for *How Green Was My Valley*, 1964.

affected by the fact that the family served several years while in Greenwich, which forced him physically while remaining at the same city.

Despite the separation of his wife from the family living quarters, the father's energy of his four children still remained in his memory of a childhood during Bob's working hours. With this in mind, he moved his entire studio up to nearby Nitropon, Connecticut, setting up a two-story shop space in a commercial building located on the Naugatuck River. The bold, lone silver lamppost in his studio in Westport and his home in Greenwich offered an opportunity to avoid actual behind the scenes of his former and cringed through the bountiful surroundings of the Harry Belafonte (he particularly enjoyed the olive tree at night, coming back after putting in many long hours) front of his studio working on any number of assignments. "A half hour's ride in a Personen car drove for relaxing eye than an evening out at the theater," he said.

Bob Peak would gain his first exposure to film animation in 1961, the same year he was awarded the "Artist of the Year Award" by the Society Guild of New York. David Oistrakh, an executive in the United Artists film studio, hired Bob to create a watercolor for a limited film version of the hit Broadway musical *How Green Was My Valley*. Up until this time, his major oil assignments had been at Universal, Allied Artists, and MGM but used illustrations such as Ernest Thesiger, Ken Swofford,

and Jon Voight to create the "key art" during the '60s and '70s for westerns, romances, and Western movies. The art created for this film was a radical departure from the established style of those other artists.

To create the movie poster for *How Green Was My Valley*, Bob began the project by doing a series of black and white drawings followed by color paintings of Natalie Wood, Richard Burton, Rita Moreno, and George Chakiris. He incorporated these subjects into a variety of settings from the film, trying to combine them into a single painting. His Chakiris marriage had never been seen before in the film industry, and it was from this point that Bob Peak would transition the established philosophy toward movie advertising. Of the key art for *How Green Was My Valley*, Bob said: "I try to encapsulate a movie in one picture, maybe provide a collage of elements that will entice people to come in." His influences over career art would continue throughout the '60s with works done for *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Changeling*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Lord Jim*, *Cavalcade*, and *My Fair Lady*.

For *My Fair Lady*, done in 1964, Bob would create one of his most memorable pieces depicting a young Audrey Hepburn holding an umbrella while standing next to Rex Harrison. Scenes from the movie are interspersed around the two actors, with Hepburn in a arms serving as the focal point for the project that would later remain, "Audrey Hepburn's





Silver Month for December, 1967. Acrylic.



Ocher Month for December, 1967. Acrylic.



Olive Month for December, 1967. Acrylic.

Washington Postcard Collection

Postcard back

Dr. July 1971

Dear Dr. Clay,

We didn't receive your letter until after you left our country and

You apparently showed us the
travel and travel program listed by
yourself, David Johnson, Dr. Joseph De
Grazia, Shirley, and most especially
that we expect to have to go to
Italy, instead of anyone who would
be given free price or cost of holiday
that the further opportunity when
we found it would. This is to say
that the greater the expense the
more pleasure you get.

A letter to Miss Peabody from James Joyce, the director of the film.
Brooklyn, 1947

arts were an 'A frame' for the action.' A few years later, Bob received a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators in 1967 for his widely recognized rendering of *Vincent van Gogh* and *Nicolas Flamel on Candles*.

THE PASSING OF BOB SR.

Sadly, the following year—on February 18, 1968—would bring the death of Bob's father. A long-time sufferer from high-blood pressure, Bob Sr. also ended his reprieve with heart-nephritis. Over the years, and in spite of his busy schedule, Bob made many trips back to Woburn to visit with his father back home. At the time of his passing, however, Bob was angry with his father for having once issued a letter providing for his siblings when he was alive. This sentiment was reinforced by the fact that his and his brother Jack had always helped out with their father's living expenses. He also resented the mounting task of supporting his Sr. had for his son's education as an illustrator.

That all changed, though, after Bob came across a large newspaper his father had kept, which contained numerous
obituaries and clippings of his son's work. Nodding to say, it was witness to his dad to finally lesson that because father actually did admire what it was that he was doing for a living,
impossibly after so many years of thinking that he was completely disrespected, leading to that now when Bob stated that his father should take money from his Social Security check every month and buy any magazines/he might find that contained his son's illustrations.



Illustration art by Namita, 2014. Namita.





Sports Illustrated, 1943, Al Parker.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Bob's relationship with Sports Illustrated also began in the '40s after making contact with Richard Gangel, the longtime art director for the magazine. The relationship that had with the magazine would never waver over the years, providing him the opportunity to travel extensively while covering a variety of legal protests...and a number of amateur sporting events. One of those memorable experiences came in 1943 when he was commissioned to go in alone with the Shah of Iran as they prepared for their coronation parade. Before leaving for the trip, Bob had to save his pocket change because in order to be properly entertained the seventeen-day journey upon arriving in Iran, Bob soon learned that the status trip was intended to be nothing but gold. However, after several discussions with the leaders of the hosting party, he convinced them to allow him the use of a saddle. "Even still, Bob is used to having to keep up with the pace of the riders, and found himself falling further and further behind. Worse yet, the competition never looked back to see where he was or whether he was following along, down a massive hill. In fact, Bob was urged to take part in the traditional ritual of climbing and clearing the front of the chariot down...no, running to offend the Shah, he took tips of the hood, and then got sick behind a bush afterwards. When the group



Sports Illustrated, 1943, Al Parker.

stop at the palace overnight, Bob had to wait to sleep due to the pressurized breathing rooms he had all around him. What he added one of the many instances what the cause of the noise was, he was told, that it was the sound of tenets sailing their way through the palace walls. Upon returning to America, Bob came closer with dentures and was hospitalized. Nonetheless, he appreciated this opportunity to go wherever Sports Illustrated would send him over the years.

In fact, another of opportunity presented itself to Bob Peak in 1969 for Japan Super Bowl XI. That year, the legendary Joe Namath and the New York Jets of the NFL squared off against the heavily favored Indians on December 14, 1969. In the week leading up to the game, "Broadway" Joe Namath issued his bold prediction that his team would triumph and the team with Johnny Unitas behind center. Dad had the opportunity to join the last call during the game, taking full advantage of his previous Work room. He enough material to work with he returned to his studio to work up a series of sketches, spending time educating himself trying to lead in this right direction. Using graphite on charcoal board, he sketched a series of finished illustrations too representing vibrant colors of red, yellow, blue, and green. The attack on Super Bowl XI appeared alongside dad's illustrations in the magazine.





OBITUARY PAGE: Commissioned illustration for *Ben-Hur*, 1959. Technicolor.



THE 1970s

The next decade would see Bob continue to do a wide range of poster art for some of the biggest studio releases of that time. With such massive posters, it became more apparent that Bob was the "go-to" guy when it came to creating dynamic movie art that could engage the public and capture their imagination.

Taking his craft to yet another level, Bob explains, "There are many factors to take into consideration when creating movie art—the setting, the race quality, and character relationships, just to name a few." Bob focused on the qualities of each particular film when creating the art for it and how it related to its marketing. If the film was a period piece, the art would necessarily reflect the look of that period, since it "would probably tell it." For a movie that was set in a foreign land, he would focus on the geographical elements that defined the story.

In 1975, Bob received the opportunity to work on the upcoming United Artists release *Ben-Hur*, directed by Norman Jewison and starring Charlton Heston. As part of his research, Bob was sent to Germany for two and a half weeks to work on preliminary sketches before returning to his studio to complete the illustrations. He spent every day on the set watching all the shooting, and at night he would request the road train to roll him into, occasionally showing up with friends and cast members to unwind from the tight shooting schedule.

When Bob was first asked how he went about doing promotional work for a film, he said, "I try not to work from stills whenever possible. I get a script, and usually see a screening. I may spend a week around the set, talking with the director and actors to get a feel for the movie." Harvey Kado would then draw up a budget and time frame for Bob to complete the sketches in his studio. During this phase, it always sprang off as a series of preliminary black-and-white sketches. "The ideas for those sketches would come in one of two ways—either right away or by working them out. The way I find a solution is to start working. Those are my best innovations," he said.

When Bob returned to his studio after leaving the *Ben-Hur* set in Germany, he completed a series of ten watercolor paintings depicting various scenes from the film. These paintings were later reproduced in a limited edition portfolio, and awarded an Award of Merit from the Society







Oil sketch for *The Missouri Breaks*, 1976. Charcoal, charcoal and wash on paper, 16 x 12". (Private collection)

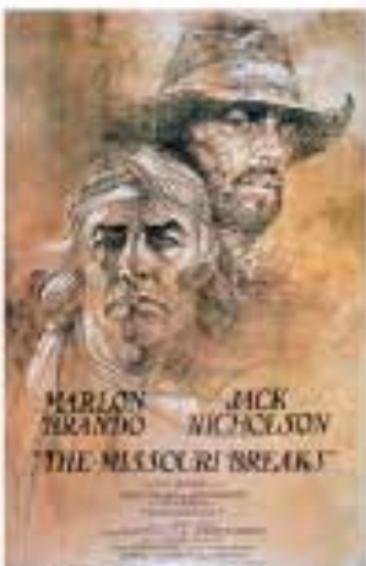


Oil sketch for *The Missouri Breaks*, 1976. Charcoal, charcoal and wash on paper, 16 x 12". (Private collection)

of illustrations. For the hand-drawn art, which also earned an Award of Merit, Bob painted a 50' x 40' panel of granite entitled "Future Stack."

Three Artists once again team with Bob's art in 1976 for the upcoming film release *The Missouri Breaks* starring Jack Palance and the incomparable Marlon Brando. The experience of working on *Hiroshima* would make an impression on him in many ways. The first was his trip to Montana. "I went to Montana and lived it. I loved getting away from New York City, and, in a sense, it was a way to relive the innocence of my youth." He was quoted as saying. The second reason was because of his opportunity to work with Brando, an experience he would repeat in 1979 on the set of *Apostrophe*.

Brando's eccentric reputation of being "different" during filming did not escape Bob during work on *Missouri Breaks*. The star was having problems concentrating; his focus is classic Brando-trust, on the crew would hang up eye charts out of the camera frame for him to read from. This worked. But one day, in the middle of a scene, Brando stopped everything to tell Bob that his shooting was causing his concentration and had to stop. Bob discontinued his sketching for the remainder of the shoot and ended up going back home with very little to work with. Nevertheless, Bob drew up an inclusive list of charcoal and charcoal sketches on treated old newspaper. From these, Bob did a final 50' x 40' charcoal and pastel painting on fiberglass canvas depicting the heads of Brando and Palance.



The original poster for *The Missouri Breaks*, 1976.

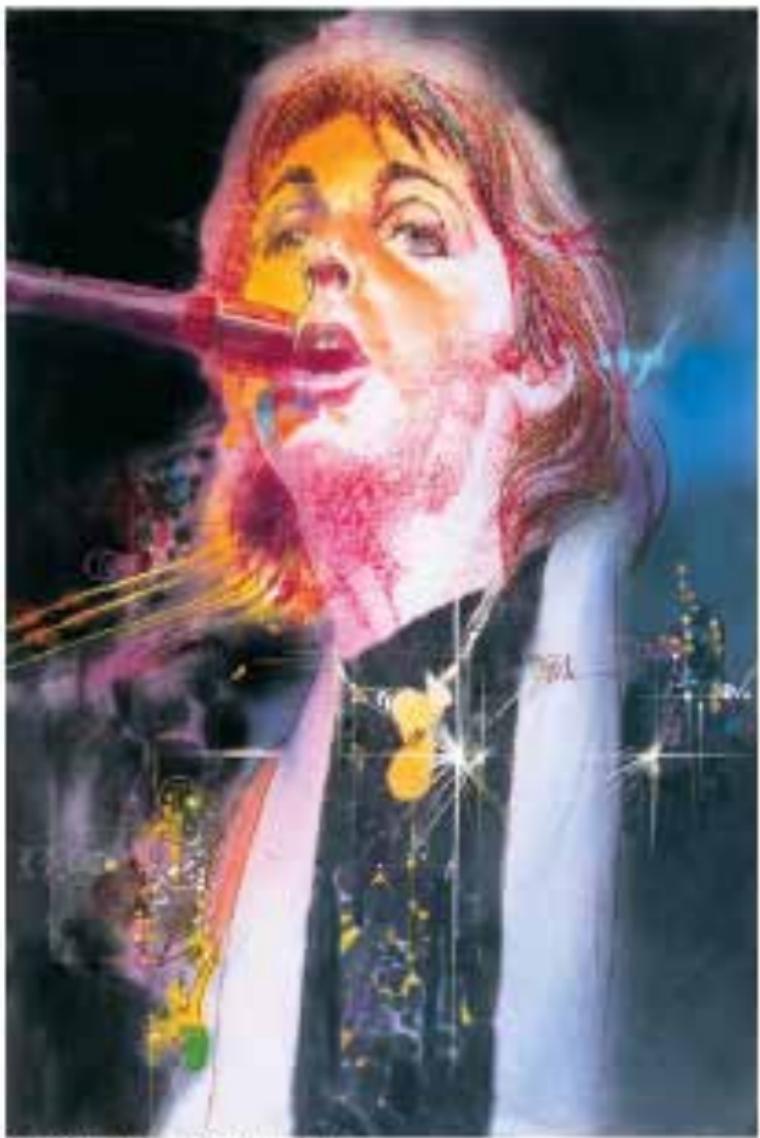


Image set for this magazine page, 2011. Whistler art print.



TIME, January 21, 1970



TIME, August 21, 1971.



TIME, January 21, 1972.



TIME, June 21, 1976.

TIME MAGAZINE

In addition to his movie work, Bob would also begin a fruitful relationship with *Time* magazine in the 1970s, creating some of the nation's most memorable print illustrations — at one point his best job for *Time* was a vast assignment done on Christmas Day, 1965, of the country rock group The Band. For his illustration, he worked up a series of pencil and pastel sketches, eventually narrowing two of them into finished illustrations. David Almond, an editor at *Time*, had the luxury of being able to choose from two different pieces for the cover. The portrait was eventually used on the cover of the January 12, 1970 issue. Piven had just 14 months ago made two finished illustrations for every issue he made for *Time*.

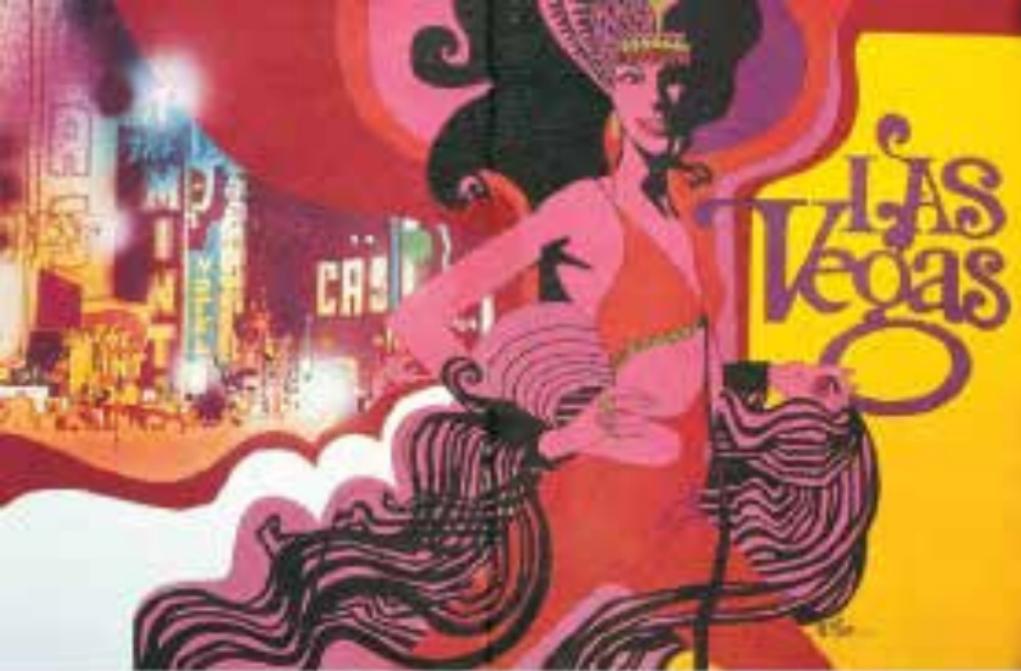
When working on *Time* covers, Bob always used phrasing taken from his columns, yet never capitalizing the pronouns correctly. "I change things... I make my own choices, for instance," he said. Around a year after his political *"The Band"*, Bob received the assignment to paint a cover illustration of Mother Teresa for the December 27, 1976 issue. This painting, along with those he made of Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi, are now part of The Smithsonian Institution's permanent collection.

Bob later said of the Mother Teresa project: "The writing from responsible [for cover] had written a portrait. I related it to the character of this wonderful woman and it was almost a trigraph to put it in place as I did two versions and consider which I was going to. It was painted in a charcoal palette, which can be sandy gray, but everything I had chosen were too positive, not right. I'd almost finished it [as the illustration], but) when I saw it in the next morning, the light was streaming in from the window right across from the painting. I got a shall-up my quilt, called up my wife and told her about it. It's the only time I've had an experience like that, but I'm convinced that I wrote the only one that painted the book, and the person.... It had to be the influence of the character of this extraordinary lady." Others may have shared that sentiment, because the watercolor portrait of Mother Teresa later received an Award of Honor from the Society of Illustrators.



Painted oil on fiber-glass canvas, 1976. Collection:

Illustrations Bob did for *Time* throughout the '70s included such notable names as Richard Nixon, Jim and Rosalynn Carter, Diana, Lady Di, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Joe Manchin, and Harry Belafonte.



1970 *Las Vegas* travel poster. Fine Art Print. \$150.

TVA

In 1973, Charles Belter Associates commissioned my father to do a series of murals for the covers of the TVA news service. Charles Belter, a renowned 20th Century designer of British and American commercial artwork instruction, was retained by TWA between 1960 and 1975 to serve as a consultant to the refurbishment of their airline fleet. This project included all six Boeing 727s, 16 Convair 880s, Boeing 720s, 723s, Lockheed L-1011s and a new aircraft for their 725s.

The four mural decorations that was assigned to paint would depict the continent of South America, Europe, and North America. They would be reproduced in offset prints, each measuring 36" x 16". Upon completion, the murals would be placed in front of each window throughout the aircraft. Because of the unique oil screen reproduction, Belter knew he had to treat each mural with flat colors and large decorative shapes. The murals would later be produced into a special "Limited Edition" series of 16" x 16" lithographs, previously autographed by the artist. TWA's *Airline Guide to Flight* (August) also ran an article entitled "Art Gallery in the Sky" on the work of Bob Beck.

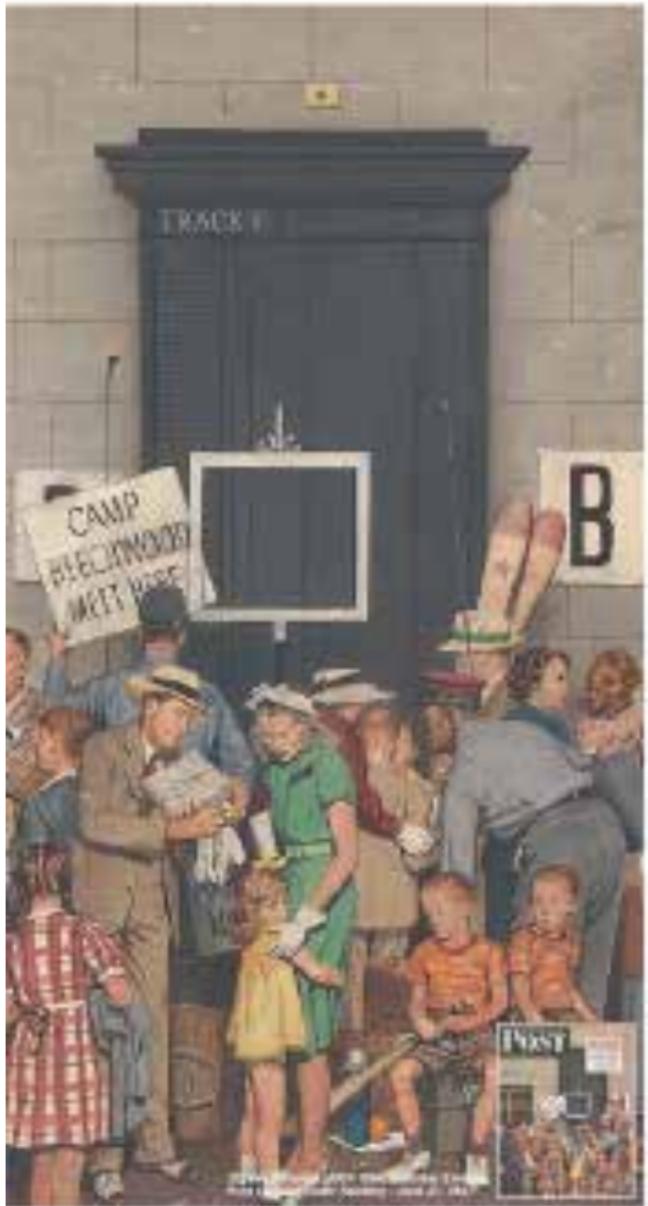
The mural was well received from Charles Belter Associates and TWA, which led lead to do a series of more covers for the airline. Each mural cover was done to represent one of the major continents, like continental

productions for other TWA publications like the Germany rail service guide with their wrap-around cover designs. This artwork was more sophisticated and subtle than the murals, but kept with the same basic design scheme and lost that look that produced from the original murals. Over a period of two years, Bob illustrated 40 pieces for TWA. These works gave him a tremendous amount of exposure, and enabled him to receive broader media exposure through publications at *Look*, *Life*, *magazine* and *Communication Arts*.



1970 *Europe's Adventures* magazine cover, \$250.

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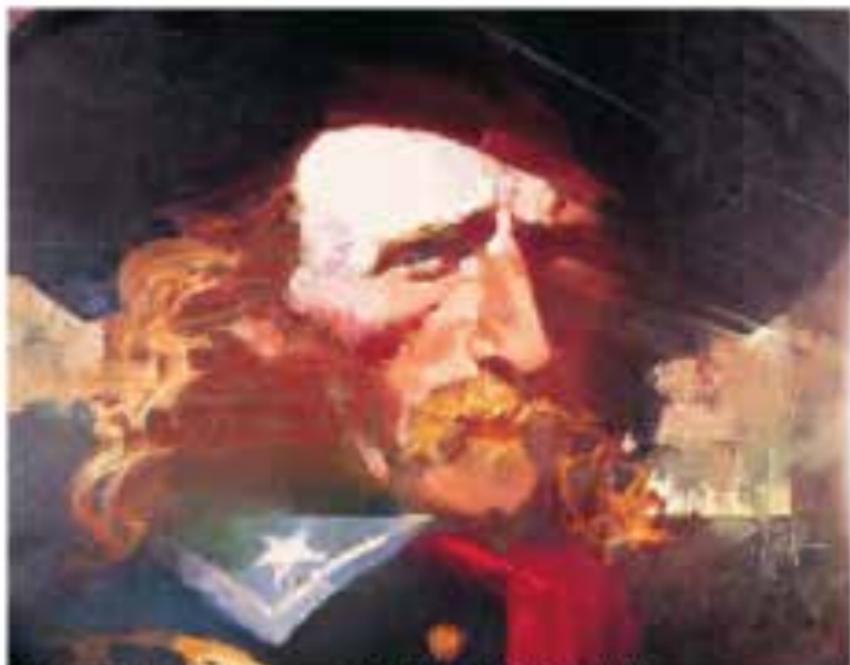


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Right off the canvas entitled "Buffalo" (1970), this painting was an Award of Merit from the Society of Illustrators in 1971.

THE OLD WEST

Bob Peak's love of the old west was instilled early in his Colorado childhood. His grandmother Kate Bella Goldau was obsessed with Buffalo Bill—because she knew him personally, Bob would later say. "We used to have picnics at Buffalo Bill's grave on Lookout Mountain. I remember my grandmother running with her in front of his grave. I remember the story of when she met Bill Cody at Hartsell's Ranch... and I remember her saying that Buffalo Bill was the greatest man she ever saw."

When he died in Denver, Colorado at the age of 96, her will specified that her body be cremated and the ashes spread over the grave of William Frederick Cody.

Over the years, Bob would recall the stories and legends of this legendary figure. He also took numerous books on the subject of the early American West and some of its famous and infamous characters such as Wild Bill Hickok, Jesse James, Billy the Kid, General George Custer, "Fitz" Holiday, and the Earp Brothers.

This respect for the Old West was reflected by the assignment to paint a series for the "Marlboro Man" for the cigarette

Marlboro Company in the mid-1970s. Bob would do a series of watercolor paintings and charcoal drawings over a period of six years for both Marlboro and Marlboro Lights Cigarettes. The Marlboro campaign was both financially and financially rewarding, though in terms of conserving

Bob would also receive an appointment from Marlboro Papers/Milk Company to advertise their Kansas Milkhouse Cover Paper by doing two different perspectives of his best-loved icon, "Buffalo Bill," only in poster form.

It was during this "West & East" that Bob would embark on a series of creating a series of oil, tempera, pastel, and charcoal gallery paintings depicting scenes and characters from the early American West. These large gallery paintings would have names like "The Hunting Party," "The Last Great Sioux," "Indian Braves," "Giant Catfish," and "Wildlife Bill Cody."

THE ILLUSTRATORS WORKSHOP

In the summer of 2001, Bob would participate in a unique program called the "Illustrators Workshop." This one-month long workshop was designed to offer an intensive training,





Original art by Julian Dignam, illustration, 2014. Reproduced with permission.



Digital oil on canvas entitled 'The Waiting Party' 1998.

experience as an introduction into the field of professional film—National Sui—of America's greatest contemporary illustrators designed the movie—Renée Freya, Mark English, Bob Heisler, Fred Oster, and lots from himself—and were uniformly able to provide

Michael J. Amstutz, a fellow colleague with extensive advertising and management experience, to serve as managing director. Alan E. Goyer was at the group's documentary producer.

In the 1970s the dynamics of the commercial art world of the 40s, 50s, and 60s had changed drastically. In those years, the apprenticeship stage had served as an important role in the development of many of the country's most outstanding artists. Up-and-coming illustrators during the '70s were able to hone their skills by working in the studios of any number of large art studios, with direct contact, with many of them. However, the '70s saw many young technicians lack our own, lacking the direction or motivation to truly support themselves in their profession. Places like the Cooper Studio, Chiat/Day, and others closed to merit, and the major commercial art field underwent significant changes. The Elian and Mortimer sought to provide an office or way for the budding cartoonist artist to make the transition from student journey to practicing professional in the modern era.

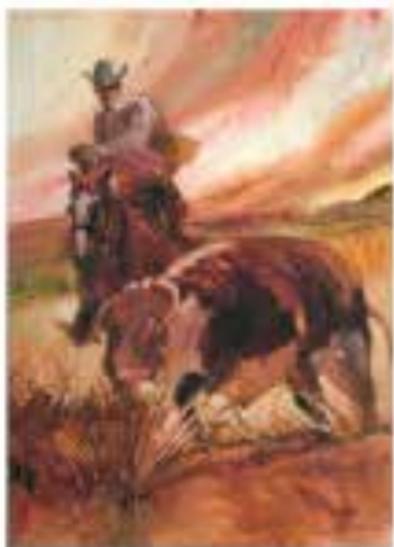
It's a fascinating, exhilarating period to make the transition from school or working from studio into this tough, tough marketplace.



Digital art for a Mother's Day card, 1991.
Watercolor on paper.



Original art for a Marlboro Cigarettes advertisement, 1973. (Illustrator: un known.)



Original art for a Marlboro Cigarettes advertisement, 1973. (Illustrator: un known.)

Bob commented, "Here, we've got dimensioned releases ready to help you, to improve teaching to you and to help you going."

"I only could have had that when I came to Steinbeck," Bob said. "Imagine having Robert Browne, James Braga, Al Parker, and Raoul de Vit Icknield to talk to and critique my drawings. Wouldn't that have been something?"

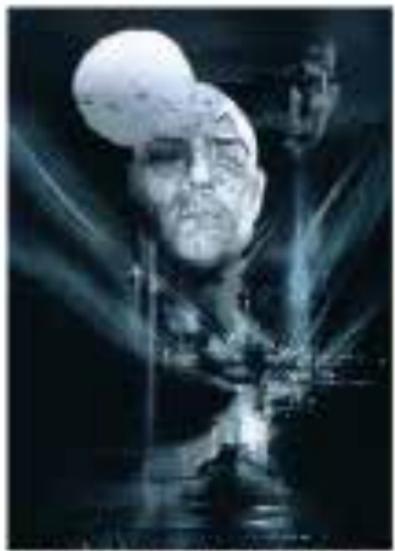
The program consisted of two segments: a seminar portion and a workshop portion. The seminar was designed over a week-long series of lectures by various institutions from leading map and graphic designers, art directors, editors, and illustrators. They included rock-guitar specialist Art Peck, art director of Playboy magazine, Eugene Lujan, art director of *Playboy* magazine, Lujan, art director of *Playboy* Linda and Harvey Kado. The workshop portion was devoted to working on actual assignments, permitting students to work on work under bona fide professional conditions. The students would be given daily individual attention from the members of the faculty, whether it be in the classroom or lecture hall.

Students, in groups of twenty, were given the same opportunity to actually visit the studios and homes of the participants. Six of the seven students had not only their choice of advisor to take living quarters (Bob was the only one whose studio was set up in his residence), but had he occupied a two-floor space on Wisconsin, Green Bay. To older students, this was more experience than gave students an invaluable glimpse into the art's personal environment, with hopes of gaining an added appreciation of those reflective areas of the work they were producing.



Angust Kotschenreiter's paper cutout "Buffalo Bill," 1985.





Propaganda sketch for *Apocalypse Now*, 1974. Acrylic and charcoal.



Propaganda sketch for *Apocalypse Now*, 1974. Acrylic.

APOCALYPSE NOW

In 1976, Peak would once again team with Francis Ford Coppola, this time involving his imagination to help create the key art for the big screen adaptation of Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalyptic novel, starring Marlon Brando, Martin Sheen, and Robert Duvall. The film was inspired by Joseph Conrad's novella *Hear of Darkness*, adapted to fit the postmodern setting of the Vietnam War. As expected, there was a tremendous amount of hope surrounding the film, with a great deal of money spent, and offered additional, unique production. Brando alone was being paid one million dollars a week for the effort.

Before beginning work, Bob had the chance to meet with Coppola to get a feel for the picture and to believe what it was that the director was looking for. The author notes that Coppola wanted to make a series of the film, and so that after Bob created five final promotional paintings, he got to那point, no actual scenes were taken, working up a series of 18" x 24" black and white sketches. These studies evaluated the overall layout and helped flesh out his larger ideas for the finished paintings.

"That was an entrepreneurial visual film, and imposed its image with a specific feeling," Bob Peak said of *Apocalypse Now*. A theme that he returned to throughout his art for the film was based on his opinion that "Brando has a hamster-like heart." That's why, on completion of



Art for *Apocalypse Now*, 1974. Oil x 40". Acrylic and pencil.





Crossings under the bridge by Bob Ross

the preliminary sketches, Bob decided that Brando's boat would be the centerpiece of his composition. The smaller boats of Duvall and Depp would surround Brando's, with the lighting red one separating them. On one of the other boats and pier, they would sit Brando had built a stage of the boat beached down the river. Coppola, however, insisted that the bridge be included at night so another painting was done with the bridge below Brando's boat and the boat beached down the river.

Finally, after everything was complete and Bob had positioned the final five paintings, Coppola and Duvall's addition was the last finally reached a boiling point. As Coppola's instructions, Bob had failed to remove Duvall's image from all of the paintings.

All of the final images were painted in watercolor and mounted on standard watercolor paper, and measured 26" x 44". Bob tried to keep the watercolor paintings transparent as long as he could so that he could use patches of oil paints to create flares and further things on. "It seemed to work like magic," he said. Bob then finished off the paintings with a coat of varnish made civilians to separate layers of paint in order to develop gloss. In spite of this addition of working on it a good year later, Bob would later tell his wife that it "was the most exciting thing that ever worked on."

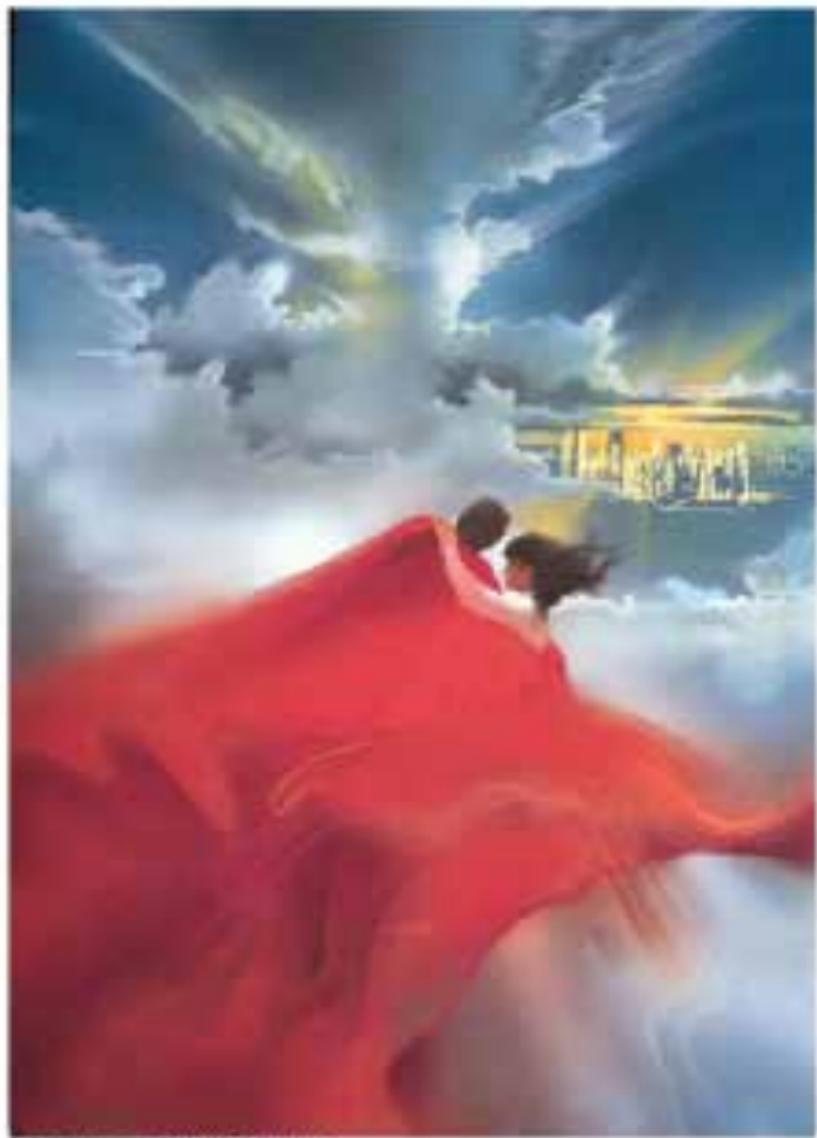


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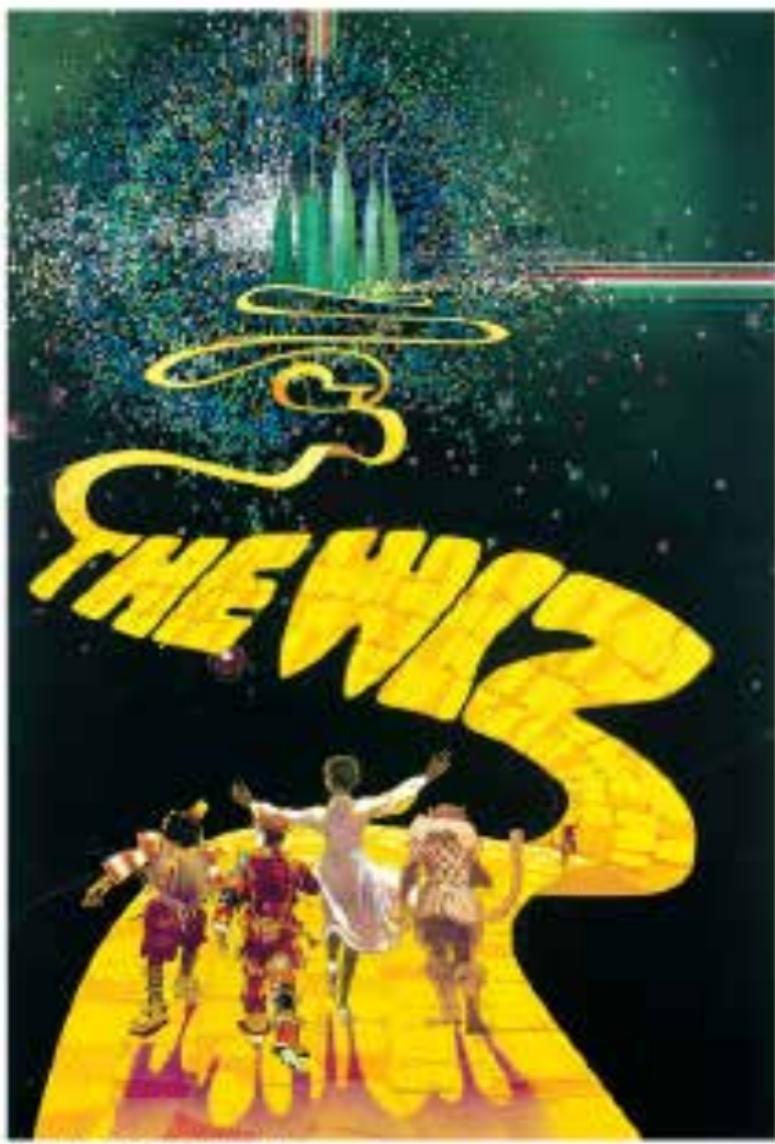
Dignity of the Spanish, No Muñoz, 2011. Oil and graphite.

Dignidad de los españoles, No Muñoz, 2011. Óleo y grafito. ▶



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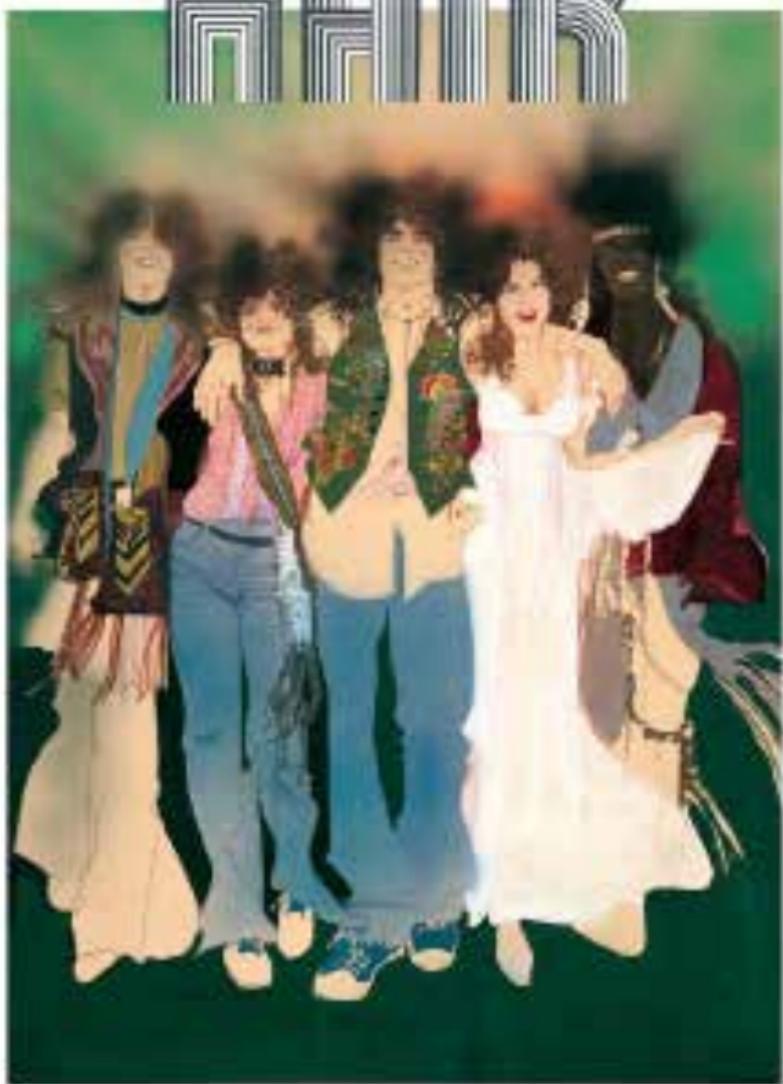




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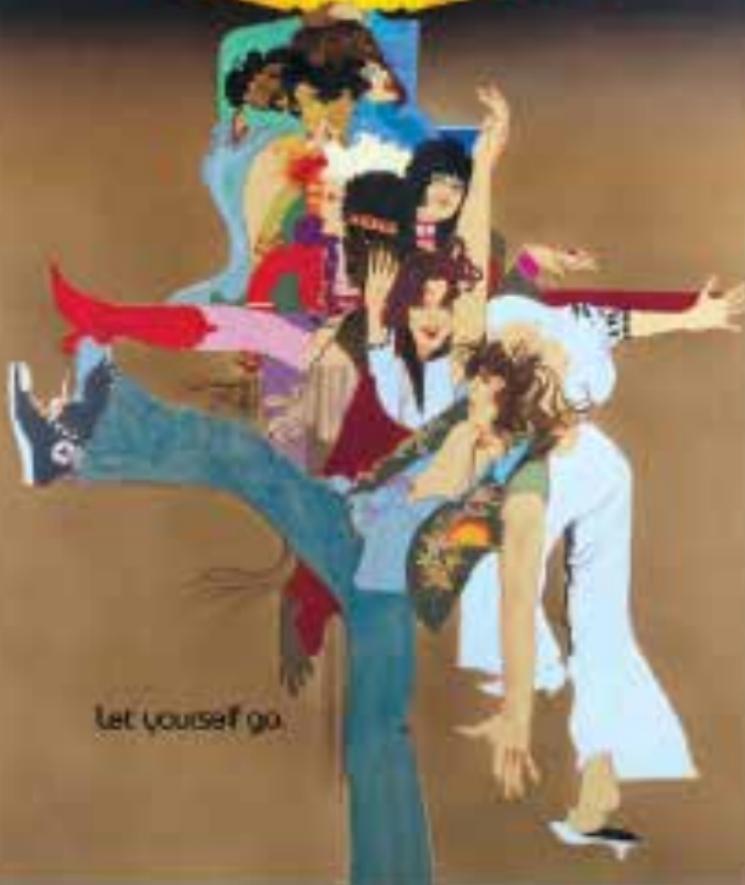
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Original Art by David Hockney © 1968, 1971, 1980

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GALLERY PAINTINGS

In 1979, Bob was approached by Jack O'Grady to do a one-man show of his work at Jack O'Grady Galleries at 300 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Nicolo Jack O'Grady—himself a professional photographer and gallery owner—but believed that Bob's art and career were static. Then they had considered a working relationship in 1975 when Bob collaborated with renowned illustrator Workshop members Berrie Fuchs and Mark English as part of the "Outer to Cockle Show" at the O'Grady Galleries in April of that year. The show proved to be a huge success; much of Bob's paintings selling out quickly.

As a commercial illustrator, Bob had always said, "You are hired to solve someone else's problem and to please your client. I love it; that's what I always wanted to be, even as a little boy, and I am still doing it now. When I get a problem, I analyze it for what it is, and what I should do to solve the problem." With his fine arts paintings, Bob would work to solve his own problem and please himself. He would say, "Once you get a love of painting, what you were and before it, that's great."

Over the years, despite his heavy work schedule, Bob had developed the time each year to do a certain number of his own paintings for himself. The opportunity to do a one-man show like something he had been working towards his entire time. He would later say, "I did it because it had to be done." The show, entitled "People, Places & Things: The Art of Robert Fuchs," had its opening on April 10, 1979. This

show consisted of some 20 paintings, sketches, and Bob's first lithograph. In Bob's paintings would include "Cathy with Cat", a watercolor portrait measuring 16" x 20" of a young girl sitting cross-legged on the grass and watching butterflies; two are intentionally muted green, blushing salmon flowers and roses with delicate splashes of yellow and purple colors to enhance the enchanted setting. He named the painting after my sister, who set for him.

Like all painters and drawers, Bob studied the works of many renowned artists. The local artists that Bob admired included such painters as Robert Henri, John Singer Sargent, Egon Schiele, and Maurice Prendergast. At the O'Grady Gallery Show, Bob would do a number of portraits of these famous artists.

One of the works was a pencil sketch measuring 19" x 40" of Robert Henri's standing, full figure, body positioned almost sideways in the viewer, with one hand in his pocket and the other hand hanging from his hip posture. The sketch shows Bob's strong use of line, and detailed in the final arrival. Henri's nose and both portions of the arms, shoulders, and leg/arm/hand ends with pencil—revealing little or no detail. Bob would do a second painting of Henri using the same pose and this time the piece was done with oil on paper. He added a pencil sketch and pencil-well behind, like writing a series of depth and visual value. He left the right side of the painting blank, with only the brown colored paper showing.

Bob was an ardent admirer of the work of Egon Schiele.

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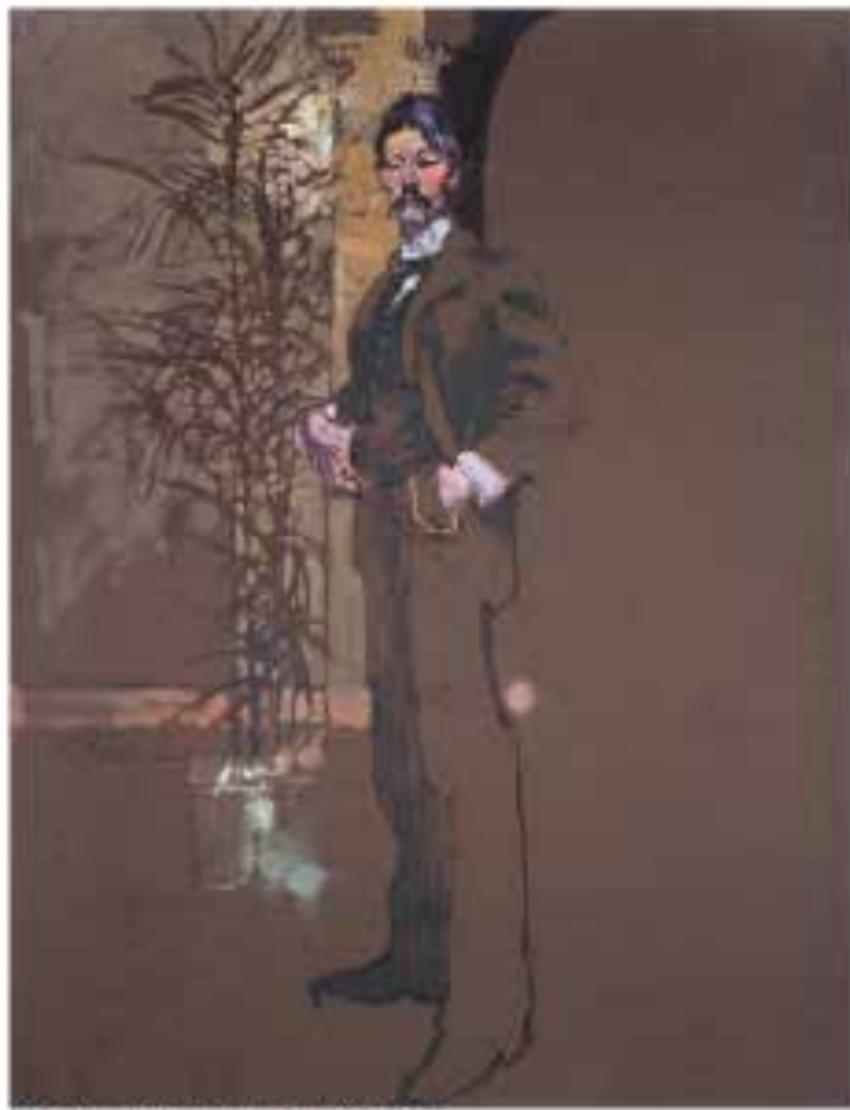
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1987 Portfolio of Seven Drawings (including a sketch and illustrations by Bob Fuchs and Berrie Fuchs).



Digital oil on mason board, 10x10. "Man at Hotel de Colon" 1978. 30" x 32".



Student oil on canvas painting entitled 'Portrait of James Tissot' (1888, 42" x 36")

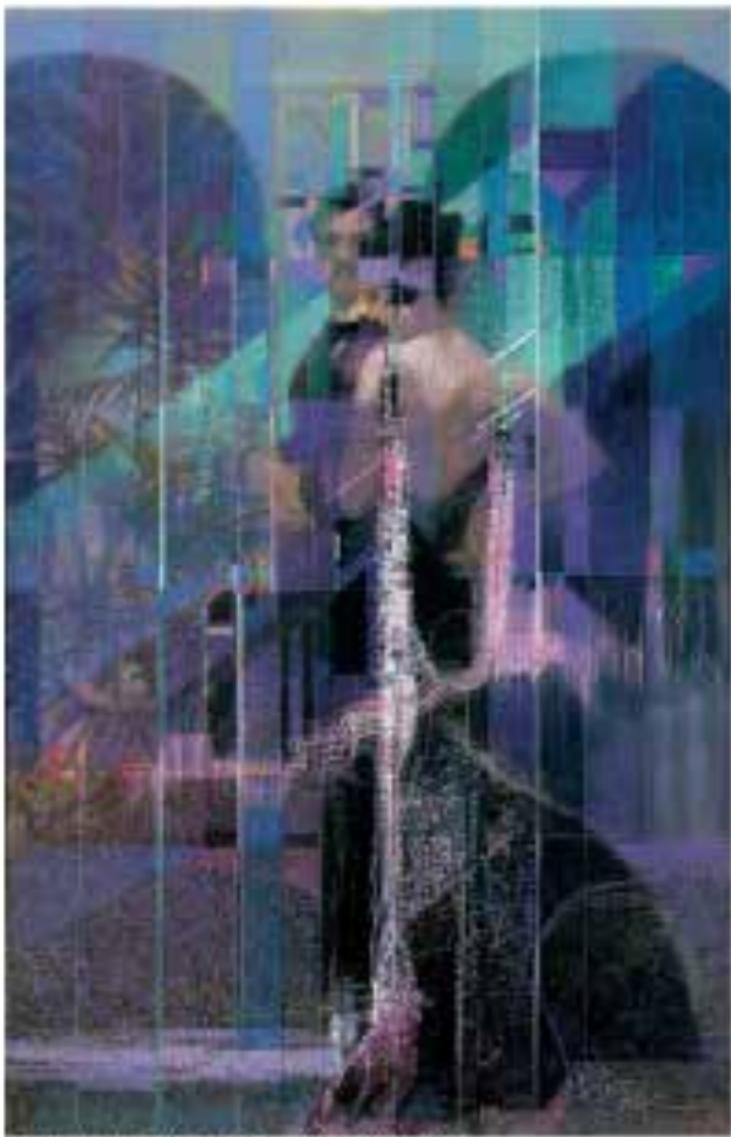
The artist James Tissot, after whom Bob based the tragedy in 1848 at the age of 28. Throughout his life, Schleifer was portrayed as a troubled artist who made enormous use of his muse. Themes from his life were represented for observation in 1911. Schleifer was obsessed with his own appearance and made a large number of self-portraits. Bob would paint a "surrounding watercolor entitled "Portrait of James Schleifer," measuring 20" x 36" showing the artist, hands, his products, admiring himself in a full length mirror, etc; we only glimpse at his face in the foreground stage, and it is to be noticed that Bob reveals the true character of his subject. To the artist's left, attached against the wall, are a few of his finished and unfinished paintings.

Bob would also complete two portraits of John Singer Sargent for the Fitzgerald Galleries Show. He was the most influential artist in Bob's studio work and was the one on whom he most admired and talked about. From rememberance to collage on cloth, my father giving me a large John Singer Sargent bust as a Christmas gift. He was so concerned with this artist and his beautiful work, he was helping to pass along some of this information to the community and the book.

and studied the stages, and have come to appreciate his greatest.

The two pieces Bob completed for Sargent portray the artist seated on a couch dressed in what appears to be those pieces of art, holding a distinguished pose with his right hand on his hip. His other hand is holding a lit cigarette, hand painted (aprons). One piece was done with charcoal on paper measuring 30" x 48", my personal favorite. Here, he portrays Sargent's Bartolopean character, smoking with the chateau in a feathered cap. "It's a vicious kind of thing, my dad would say. The second painting, cut on paper, measured 10" x 30". Only now Bob had included a vase of flowers in the foreground underneath Sargent's left hand holding the cigarette. Wilkinson of Sargent's body is shown set off by one portion of his face with his left hand holding up the cigarette. A candleholder positioned behind the couch throws off rays of golden light...all of these elements lead to the mood of the painting.

A dozen of Bob Peul's fine oil paintings would run to complete without images of the Old West. For the O'Grady blues, Bob would paint portraits of their colorful figures



Engaged in an ongoing exhibition, "Robert Rauschenberg: From the Next Moment," 1985, 40" x 10".

Some drawings, "Uncertain Man," "Land of the Great Smoke," and "Buffalo Bill," "Mountain Man" was a postal painting measuring 20" x 30". This is one of my favorite Western paintings ever done by me before. "Land of the Great Smoke" is a watercolor measuring 20" x 30"; was inspired by the dancing, crackling flames who would precede a segment in town and an area for possible danger. Bob's portrait of "Buffalo Bill" was another watercolor painting measuring 22" x 30". The legendary figure would be sketched and painted by Bob several times over the years. This painting would show no influence in his work of yet another painter, Michael Saylor, the Russian artist who came into prominence in the early 1900s. Bob is said to have lived in New York in 1925, later moving to the steppe about of Taos, New Mexico in 1927 to help with the reforestation that he had developed while living in New York. In 1930, he became part of the great Southwest art movement. It is these images of the Pueblo Indians and the charcoal drawings that heavily influenced much of Bob's own charcoal drawings.

The 1930s Gadsden was proved to be quite a success and spurred Bob on to create more fine art pieces. In the '40s, he began making his artwork in painting pictures of elegant women and couples in romantic settings. Constantly searching for new areas of self-expression, Bob turned inward to his more heart and soul, producing paintings such as one we had seen from him in the past. He gave these paintings names like "A Fine Romance," "Maid and Doctor," "Never

Afraid," "Cheerful and Trusting," "Spring into Innocence," "Silent Heat with Unconscious Motion," and "Repose." He would never let prints with done make, though. Paintings like "Modesta," "Black Thunder," "Blue Rose," and "The Other Ridge" would also be done, giving Bob status to his subject matter. Bob would then produce a rare landscape painting titled "Star Masses," an example of painting different in style than any he had done before. Though senior to another, these paintings represented a lifetime of learning and experiences; his feelings expressing the joys, sorrows, and wonders of life.

Through their social connection with his fellow art work in the 1930s and '40s, Bob's art paintings would become more recognizable and prestigious with each passing year.

A MOVE TO ARIZONA

In the summer of 1957, after many years working on the east coast in New York and then Colorado, Bob Gadsden once again returned for the sole again spousal, blue jeans, and trailer visitors. He decided to move out west to Scottsdale, Arizona with Lucile and set up a new residence. At the time, our mother was not too thrilled with the prospect of moving from Colorado, where they had established roots and where she had formed friendships that had lasted throughout the years. She gave in, however, and began packing up all their belongings and preparing everything for the move. As an added touch, they both had leather chairs that's studio right

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David Hockney's 1962 painting "Child with Tulips," 1962, oil on canvas.



"Tulips and Magpies," 1962, oil on canvas.

off the Saugatuck River in Westport, Connecticut, which was a task in itself, considering all the years he had worked there. They also had to earn themselves with all the internet research and files of information that needed to be transferred and to Arizona.

Our parents had taken several trips to Scotland ahead of time to look for a place to rent up their residence and studio. They chose a home still under construction in what was, at that time, considered North Scottsdale, located in a gated community with swimming pool, tennis courts, and clubhouse for its residents. After selling their house in Greenwich, Bob and his wife moved temporarily to The Greenwich Country Club while their new Arizona abode was being completed. Earlier that year, our mother had not been feeling well. She was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery. We had believed she was on her way to a full recovery, but would later find our differently there in Arizona, but set up a temporary studio attached to the main house. The working space was smaller than he was accustomed to, but made do for now. He would later move his studio to a commercial space near the Scottsdale leopard.

Bob Peck's reputation established over the many years afforded him the luxury of letting who he wanted. He did tell me though, he thought that since so few were made to agent Harvey Ecker somewhat nervous; if you can't, it would give you some representation. He never kept coming in, though and that's expectation for producing great and innovative work consistent.

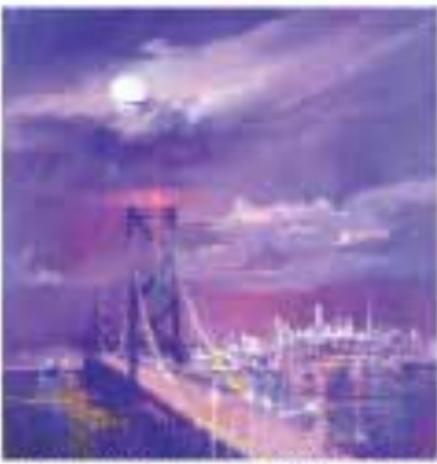
It was in late 1979 that our mother's form with cancer would take a turn for the worst. She would pass away on December 22nd, 1979, in Los Angeles in the UCLA medical clinic. Our father, mother, my sister, Caribbean, and brothers Robert and Martinez and all the family were present.



Robert Rauschenberg's "Early Summer," 1955, 40" x 30".

Our father was devastated by the loss of our mother. Over the next few years he would experience a difficult time adjusting to life without his soul mate. We all did our best to console him during this tragic period, at the same time grieving with our own loss. His agent and friend Harvey Klien encouraged and encouraged us to Studio, off the job assignments. Slowly, as his creative juices reawakened, the very legal approaching him with work. Our father would eventually return to a busy work schedule, but the absence of our mother would leave a void in his heart, never to be replaced again.

Eventually they would sell the house in Scottsdale, Arizona and move further north, set Sonoma Ridge in the community of Calistoga. In Calistoga, overlooking the valley, he would set up a much larger residence than individual's swimming pool and guest house. He would also have his studio by the swimming/pool and more, everything back to his bone, where he kept his studio on the giant, issues with stand of his blue and reference materials finding a home to one of the spacious three door garage area.



The boat image: © 1990, 80" x 60" oil on canvas. Photo: Bill Blackman Art: The Collection.



THE 1980s

In the last full decade of his life, Bob Peak stood at the top of his profession as one of the most magisterial and sought-after illustrators in the country. The industry though, was now caught at the nadir of change. A good portion of the newer assignments were coming to give way to photography and specialty houses. Those firms who—and still are—able to put together several elements into a single print, giving art director flooded work at a fraction of the cost, and were it would take an illustrator to complete the same assignment. Despite this apparent move within the advertising industry, Bob's stellar reputation for producing low and transport work continued to put him in a position of high demand by major advertising agencies and clients.

In the movie industry, where Bob Peak had established his reputation for his unique and distinctive style, he was continually sought after to produce key art for many of the major films being produced throughout the 1980s and '90s. Bob would also be commissioned to produce such major projects as the U.S. Postal Service Olympic Stamp anniversary, the 1988 Barcelona and 1992 Los Angeles Olympic Games, the 1996 Atlanta Centennial of the Special Olympics, the 1998 Sochiadapedia book, and a commemoration for Habitat for Humanity Canada.

In 1988 my sister Laurence and I had the opportunity to experience some of the environment surrounding the Illustration Workshop with which my dad had been a part for several years. Just a few months before this, my mother had passed away, and it was at our father's suggestion that we accompany him to Peasey where he would be taking part in the Winter session of the Workshop. Naturally my sister and I jumped at the chance, quickly gathering together two suitcases to catch a flight to Paris to meet up with our dad.

Details of vacation—details there—suited to us, a full service to see we both had a great time. Initially, the tradition was to have the trip out at the workshop with nothing but field processors and artist with whatever she was needed for our father or the other illustrators involved. Unfortunately, on my first day of the lectures, some of the students objected to my being there, saying that I had not paid to be a part of the class and that it wasn't fair that I participate. My mom was, in fact, not to blame—an character, but only a bit of assistance during the day. Nevertheless, I excused myself from any further classroom activities and after that,

My sister and I spent our time in Paris visiting the museums and sights during the day. In the evening, we often would take an taxi up for dinner and drinks with Mike Sculley and the other illustrators and their wives. We would sit and talk for hours in one of the different restaurants and bars in the city. It was such an enjoyable experience and everyone present was extremely kind to my sister and myself. They were a great group of people to be around, and I have been connected by all of these week over the years. I was especially fond of female illustrators' work.

In fact, I still have one of her paintings of a bulldog lying in my dining room at home.

When I was presented, my father would take me over to the Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Cathedral of Notre Dame, and other other remarkable sites around Paris. That was in use of the week done by the great European Masters like Philippe de Champaigne, Antonello da Messina, Leonardo da Vinci, and other great artists. We learned a great deal about them from our father. Dad was not just an artist himself, but a student of these and when great painters like Winslow Homer, Beauford Delaney, and Max Gorgi, just to name a few. He learned so much about so many of those great painters, he would later tell us, "Reading the history can sometimes bring a design into perspective when assessing each other work." Though the Paris experience came at a difficult time for all of us, it was an educational experience that I will cherish forever.



Bob Peak with Laurence, October 1988.

THE SPIRIT OF SPORT

Throughout an artist's career, personally or professionally, comes along that holds much more significance than being just another project. In 1988, Bob Peak would receive such an assignment when he was commissioned to produce six paintings for reproduction in a limited edition series of original lithographs to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, nationally championed, the Invincibles. George Shriver is chairman of the board, and Timothy F. Brown, Ph.D., international president and CEO. The Special Olympics were designed to provide people with mental retardation an opportunity to develop talents, demonstrate their courage, and experience the joy of competition as they participate and share in friendship with fellow athletes. "Let me stress that it is our intent for no one to be left out," These words are the truth from among these athletes who participate in the Special Olympics.

Bob Peak's first task was to choose six athletes exemplifying the qualities of courage, spirit, and self-determination which are the hallmarks of the Special Olympics.



Bob Peak with his painting of Bruce Jenner. (Photo: Michael Lampert)

These individuals will be more than just outstanding athletes; each would represent their chosen sport by exemplifying qualities of compassion, selflessness, and a willingness to improve the lives of others. Such traits Peak, author, Chris Piven Lloyd, Joe DiMaggio, Jack McBrayer, P.M., and Mr. Chatterbox all have in common. Each of these five individuals could have worked with Bob Peak to select the qualities to be represented, as expressed in their own words:

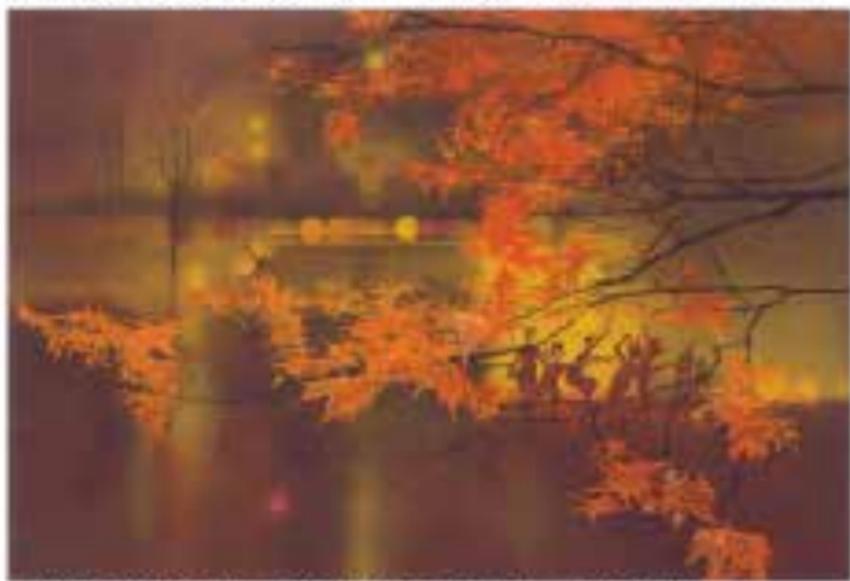
Instead of drawing his images from the visual world of sports, Bob chose to symbolize each athlete's special qualities as embodied in the world of nature. For Bruce Jenner, Bob painted a scene of trees whose leaves have changed with the

seasons. Radiated through the leaves are small scenes of children at play. The current embodies the "sober" season, and the children the joy of sport and competition. "The greatest thing about sports is the memory of having been there," — Bruce Jenner.

In his painting reflecting the spirit of compassion and commitment to education is shown by Chris Piven Lloyd. Bob painted a winter scene of white birch trees surrounded by an icy snow-filled ground. In the foreground are beautiful reflex flowers radiating in light to the winter child. This painting symbolizes the athlete himself full of self-determination, promising even in the face of adversity: "Sometimes I think I give up faster than I'm running." —Chris Piven Lloyd.

A robbery scene illustrated by the midwife of a soccer dad's consciousness. This is the image Bob created to represent Joe DiMaggio, a man who through hard-earned effort and team leadership would bring out the best qualities in not just himself but in those who watched and were touched by him. These are qualities that truly capture the meaning and intent of the legend DiMaggio. "All of us need connection like ... none of them are very complete now, ever again." —Joe DiMaggio.

For his painting of Jack McBrayer and his continual compassion toward helping others, Bob chose a late afternoon setting of children at play with a ball on a grassy field of grass with rays of late afternoon sunlight filtering



Detail: autumn foliage for the Special Olympics. "The greatest thing about sports is the memory of having been there." — Bruce Jenner.

through the distant trees. Long shadows of the children, scattered across the field at day brighten in those dreams at night. One source of joy for these less of light, these children would continue to play as before: "To let a game go play it, is the greatest joy of childhood. Only do we know it more of the present joy of life." — Jack Nease.

Bob's next subject would be the legendary Indian chief Pyle. Against a magnificent sky of blue, a herd of bison led by their leader takes refuge against the approaching sunset. The qualities of strength and leadership within the art of teamwork is shown in the painting represent the same qualities Pyle has shown throughout his own life. "Sports is health and fun too. You can learn teamwork, share fellowship, and have fun at the same time". — Pyle.

To portray Mike Chamberlain—a giant rock climber—Bob would paint an image of mountain peaks rising over the swinging vines below in their craggy, turbulent, into craggy peaks. Unfazed by their might, these towering images stand resolute, much like the unshakable strength, determination, and persistence of Chamberlain himself. "The true spirit of sport is not how tall you stand nor how high you climb. It is how much you give of what you have to give". — Mike Chamberlain.

Upon completion of the six paintings, the next step was to take these images and reproduce them onto a Limited Edition Series of original lithographs. Bob's "Spirit of Sport" this work reached from health to reflect the standards of

how art lithography. He would personally pay extra attention to every detail throughout the process from the original paintings to the finished production of the lithographs themselves.

Working with the skilled lithographic craftsmen of the renowned Alicher Lithographer, Bob would give endless hours of his time to ensure that every manner, line, and tone of his original paintings would be reproduced to perfection. He personally selected the finest hand-woven lithographic paper and hand-mixed inks. He then prepared each-color plate for the series by hand and had final approval of each print that came off all of the hand-set presses. The edition was limited to 500 sets of lithographs. Once the series was completed and approved by Bob Pyle, the original plates were then destroyed.

In Mike's note, Bob would detail a special educational presentation of his original Special Olympic paintings, intended to inspire Kennedy School, the selected athletes, and other sports and business dignitaries. "The art Special Olympic paintings were created to a numbered and enthusiastic audience. Likewise, behind each copy of the paintings themselves, Bob had his picture taken with former Kennedy School for athletes, and several of the athletes. Even the late Howard Cosell got in on some of the pictures taking with Bob and the other sports personalities. This would be an assignment and an eventing my dad would remember and cherish.

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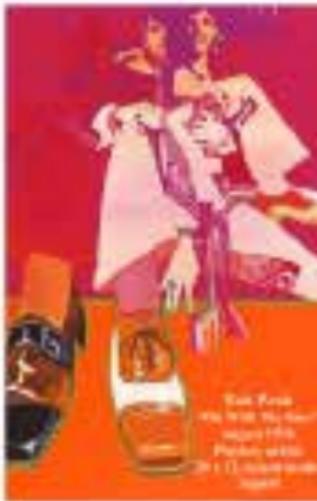
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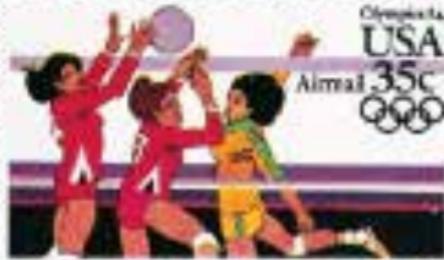
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BORRONE STAMPS

"This is going to all run away and keep going. Second, winners and winners will be recompensed. Third, the winning approach will be an accurately depicted or painted. Postage will not be well depicted. Fifth, they will be colorful."

These were the words spoken by the 17-member U.S. Olympic Stamp Advisory Committee charged with the task of bringing both artistic, concise, vibrant, and attractive art to 26 stamps—plus four pieces of postal stationery—in honor the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games and the Sarajevo Winter Games. The Advisory Committee, however, did not make the final decision, which came as a surprise they only served as mentors on the process. The final decision on which designs were printed was in the hands of the Postmaster General. Serving as one of the Advisory Committee's members was Harry S. Johnson, famed American painter, sculptor, and Ward Book author.

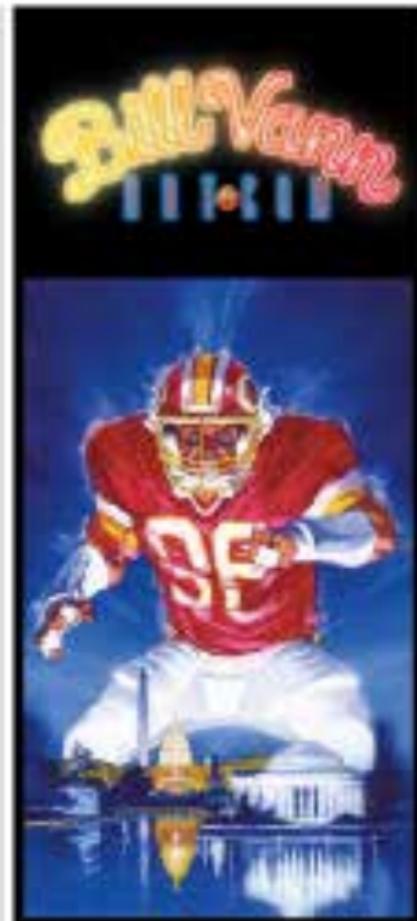
The Advisory Committee began by conducting an extensive process of reviewing designs proposed for prior Olympic Games from 1900 through 1960. What they found was that 584 stamp had been issued showing specific events like running, walking, swimming, with another 111 honoring the games themselves without showing any specific events. Since 1960, the number of stamp issues had approached a thousand. Also examining all the prior Olympic stamps, the committee came to the conclusion that over the past, some exceptionally good stamps had been produced—and some poor ones as well. The Olympic stamp review provided the committee with valuable information on what to look for and what to avoid.

The 1984 Summer and Winter Olympic issue would be the largest single commemorative issue given to one individual in designing postal stamps. The Stamp Advisory Committee conducted an extensive search to find the right artist who could display artistic excellence, diversity, movement, drama, color, clear drawing, and vivid color. Bob Fink was chosen for his reputation for his previous reputation of producing brilliant, colorful and exciting images.

At the outset of the postal acquisition, Bob Fink turned to fellow Hall of Fame Illustrator Steven Dohmen, who had arrived as design consultant of the Olympic Stamp Advisory Committee from 1985 to 1981. Over the years, Steve had created 40 stamps himself and commissioned over 300 by other artists. Steve told my editor, "Don't have to think small when you're doing a stamp." Bob Fink just realized just how small that could be.

The Postal Service held three mail their decisions on what Olympic events would be portrayed on the 26 stamps. A firm rule of the Postal Service states that no living person shall appear on an American stamp, and that the dead person may appear, except former Presidents, until ten years have passed since that person died. Because of this, additional American Olympic heroes—like Jessie Owens and Jim Thorpe—have qualified.

Bob began his assignment by doing an enormous amount of research. He began to dig through books, articles, Mag-



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Bob Fornasier, 1984 Olympic stamp, 1982-1984 Minnesota

in addition, and this on the Olympics, that would say, "You didn't just put things in. You had to know what you can and should leave in."

Once Bob left he had compiled enough material to work from. He was ready to start on his original master sketches. At this point Bob met with Bradley Thompson, a permanent graphic designer who would serve as the art director on the project. Thompson was also in charge of managing the licensing on all the stamps. Bob felt he had to have some input for the type. He felt it would be no good trying to run down over a series. Bob would also have to keep up with the Post Office guidelines by producing six postage stamps— $12\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$. This had to mean large distinctions visually have too much fine-definition reduce to stamp size effectively.

Bob was used to working on a large scale, something $30'' \times 40''$ or even larger. He began sketching small to establish some type of rhythmic flow with his hand. After many time and practice, he felt he had a marketable style and began with his initial sketches on each sport represented. The Post Office has ushered in almost over balance of male to female athletes. Bob would later say, "I was careful to keep the women's names generic—... on numbers, and no indication of national teams."

Bob chose bands of color to help unify the stamp designs but still work on their own from sport to sport. After he had trouble with being consistent without totally repeating

the same design from one stamp to the next, Fornasier is, since all the objects depicted in several of the stamps such as baseballs, shot, a bicyc, and a tennis ball, helped with that stamp's design. He also found some difficulty when it came to some performing team sports like soccer and volleyball. It was difficult to fit everything in.

With dozens of sketches completed, Bob left for work in Scottsdale, Arizona and headed to Washington, D.C., to Postal Service Headquarters. There in Washington, copies from the Stamp Division looked over all the preliminary sketches and made their selection of those pieces that would be turned into actual stamps. Then there was a meeting with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to discuss the printing process and make any suggestions to improve printing quality on use of the pieces. Next, the U.S. Olympic Committee was asked to provide a group of spectators from college teams, coaches, and Olympic competitors who could check the accuracy of Bob's illustrations. Once changes were made to a few of the sketches and they were approved, Bob would return to his studio to illustrate and complete the finished illustrations.

Postage would measure for approximate distance in 12" x 12" watercolor paper and print in the final. Some problems developed, though, to produce the printing cylinder prints turned up some difficulties with the colors. Bob had a tendency to gray off the final tones. In the press, too much

and more or less produced 20 postcard-size lithographs. Bob adjusted the scale of the cards. Finally, the finished sheet was now ready to go to print. He could have said, "Well, I was about halfway finished with my first illustration. I thought this job was the easiest thing there is down here, but it would have been simpler than anything else I'd ever done. That gave me a sense of satisfaction."

Bob Peak's series four Olympic stamp, simple and brief postal stationary Olympic stamps would be printed in the millions and circulated worldwide. They would be treasured by thousands of stamp collectors and used by countless future generations.

GOLDEN MOMENTS

The triumphal achievement of the U.S. Postal stamp commission would lead to an even larger project for Bob Peak. Once again, the U.S. Postal Service commissioners turned to produce a series of thirty-one watercolor paintings. These impressionistic paintings were to expand on the Olympic theme shown on the stamp. The decision on which artists would then produce these thirty-one watercolor paintings was a book in 1984 titled *Golden Masters*. Each Olympic winter color painting was done on a one page spread with its own corresponding monochromatic sketch on the upper left hand side of the page. This book was dedicated to the late Jim Thorpe, a magnificent American athlete who established the tradition and participation events at the 1912

Olympic Games. In 1986, an discounted Postcard honored Thorpe as the "Greatest Medalist of the First Half of the Twentieth Century."

The Golden Masters book included a foreword by James Michener. The spot illustrations were created by Bob Hastings, New England sport director for the Associated Press and sports editor of *The Boston Herald*. The stamp design artwork was done by David Lewis Brown, Philadelphia advertising executive and former general manager of the Philatelic Promotion Division of the U.S. Postal Service.

The Olympic watercolor paintings proved to be an assignment of enormous proportions, with a goal of 1983 defined only by completing this unprecedented assignment. The project called for depicting several celebrated athletes and teams who had participated in the Olympics throughout the years. The decision on which artist would be painted was in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service. Once Bob knew which artists and teams he would illustrate in *Golden Masters*, he began an extensive amount of research to gain as much as he could about each of these extraordinary individuals. Bob made it a point to learn not how rich athletes value their possessions, studying photographs of each athlete in competition to gain knowledge of their form and facial expression. He also paid particular attention to what the athletes wore. It was vital that he get this information correct on all of his watercolor paintings.

Being a sports enthusiast myself, my father selected the

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"Winter Olympics: Olympic Skating," from "Winter Olympics of Yesterday" (1986 Watercolor).

amus. However, some of his research was a bit off the mark. He said that events I was somewhat familiar with—longing, weightlifting, swimming, and track and field I did research for him on U.S. boxer Sugar Ray Leonard; the great Soviet single-lens reflex (SLR) camera; U.S. 1960 do-calculator Thomas Meyer; and track and field runner Edwin Moses, of Dennis, and Jessie Owens. I compiled information for dad to work from, showing these athletes performing during competition. I took notes as in their names and big and fast movements. Some of these notes included information on Sugar Ray Leonard and how he positioned his hands, legs, and torso while jumping during a punch. Also included was a description of AL Oerter and how he distributed his body weight and positioned his hands and prior to throwing the discus. This the Olympic sport I was not familiar with—such as fencing, archery, boxing, and speed skating—dad would research and gather his own information to work from.

Once he felt that there was enough reference material to work from, Bob would produce a series of sketches until he felt satisfied that he had captured the right movement, strength, and energy he was looking for. He then took the sketches and worked them into a series of watercolor concepts, then completed an oil study for the next step of producing his final watercolor paintings.

For his initial paintings, Bob would measure his water colors and adding fine and more detail to each piece.

He also added more movement to each athlete, giving each painting increased strength and vitality. He would later say: "Athletes release positive flows of strength and energy.... I tried to capture the feeling of the competition along with the scope." He also said, "Olympic Artists—perhaps added any other aesthetic endowment—bring our images of grace, beauty, and energy."

In all, Bob would complete thirty-two watercolor paintings. Several of these paintings had significant beyond the images themselves. The running flea is probably the most recognizable of all the Olympic works in the set depicting the U.S. Men's Hockey Team's remarkable effort at the mighty Soviet Team of 1980 to a gold medal at the Lake Placid Winter Games in 1980. Dale apparent that unforgettably moment being powerful, vibrant colors and a dynamic image of the young Americans taking back after 40 victory.

Another notable Olympic masterpiece was done of the ice dancing couple, Irina and Christopher Davis. For over four years now they had been amazing audiences worldwide with their majestic performances. In 1994 at the Nagano Winter Olympics, while dancing to the music of Ravel's *Jalousie*, they would attain over their most ardent fans with a performance of a lifetime. This seemed a perfect 4.8 score from all nine Olympic judges for artistic style, and audience choice. It would be 1998 for another medal. This would also earn the British national team the gold medal.

Boyle's painting, around the beauty of the pair skating, once stretched out from their side as they appeared to glide effortlessly across the ice. The illustrators would make such striking images that Boyle and Hensel would later add a video tape-thinking this, for posting with a bracketed, moving image of their performance. This was viewed by the age of appreciation.

The painting that recognized the less-honored Olympic event of fencing showed an image of Elena Erika Hoog of Hungary, the most acclaimed female fencer in history. So great was her reputation in her sport that in 1902 she was honored as honorary member of the International Fencing Federation. She would be the only women ever honored for such an honor. This potential image of "woman and party" between fencing contestants gave a sense of power and grace in action. It would allow, as in a ballet, only the bullet would turnable produce but one ultimate victory. The Society of Illustrators would later award this with a Gold Medal for this Olympic image.

Several additional satirizations would include each notable Olympians as Brother greatest Ninja Andreyev, Romanian, greatest Ninja Constanti and U.S. speed skater Eric Hosler. These would be just some of the many athletes recognized for their supreme efforts and determination by the U.S. Postal Service and the Olympic Committee.

All thirty-two original Olympic restricted paintings would eventually find a permanent home at The National

Corporation in Dallas, Texas, where they are on display throughout the entire building. Upon completion of the work, Boyle and Hensel would continue to help support the mission of Artist Olympic, produced a limited edition series of prints from the paintings. Each 18" x 24" print was placed in a protective art holder which contained a biography on the artist and annotations on the subject of the painting. With only a limited number available, the prints were offered by invitation only to a select number of individuals and companies.

In part of their efforts, Boyle and Hensel funded the construction of the 7 Rivers Velodrome... used as the site of all U.S. Olympic Cycling road events. They would continue their tremendous support of amateur athletes by funding a several scholarships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE INDIANAPOLIS 500

In 1908, Art Peck would receive the award of automobile racing with a commission by the Miller Brewing Company to create a commemorative painting for the 1908 Indianapolis 500 Race.

Art first became fascinated with automobile racing back in 1904 while on location for the MGM Film, *Grand Prix*, directed by John Frankenheimer, starring actors Gardner, Mia Martini, Steve McQueen, and Jerome Sabath. Grand Prix became famous for its split screen images that added to the

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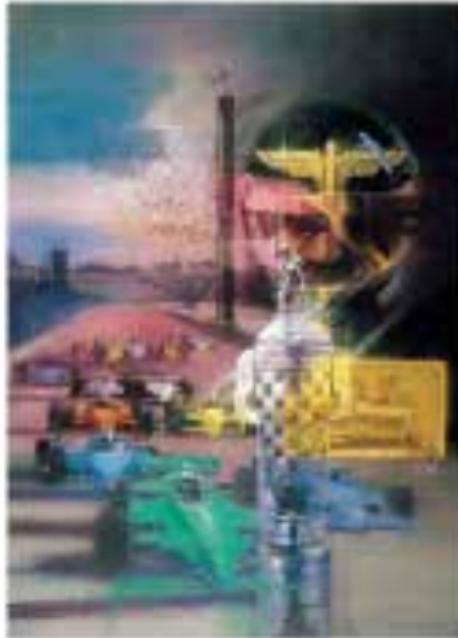
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Bob Peak Indianapolis 500

leisure and excitement of the 1930s. While on location, Bob visited some of the great resort and road racing circuits of Europe from Monte Carlo, to Syria in Lebanon, then England and British Hatch, then France, and finally to Italy. He got to meet and talk with such legendary drivers as Phil Hill and Giacomo Agostini. His experiences working at Grand Prix started when he was 16; racing and motor sports activities would continue on throughout his life.

For his painting, Bob sought to capture several elements: going up a great hill or the grandstand and grand spectacle of this great American sporting event. His painting would blend the images of today's race with all the same sense reflecting back to one of its competitors from the 1930s Indianapolis 500. Using a favorite style of complex clouds in abstraction, we see the competition as they charge through the curve of the opening leg, with the Borg Warner Trophy prominently displayed in the foreground.

A limited edition series of 200 lithographs signed and numbered by Bob Peak were offered by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, their original Indianapolis 500 oil painting was donated to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, where it is on permanent display.

MOVE WORK OF THE 1960S

Bob also continued to work on a number of movie campaigns throughout the 60s, including such films as *Frome Four Million Dollars*, *Star Trek II: The First Of Living Dangerously*, *Star Trek III: The Search For Spock*, *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*, *The Dark Crystal*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, *Blow! Blow! Blow!*, *License To Kill*, and *Superman*.

In 1968, Bob was commissioned to produce the Academy Pictures Division's *Star Trek* Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. For this special project, Bob visualized a painting scene looking back to the glamour days of old Hollywood when such stars as Elizabeth Taylor, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, John Wayne, Marlene Dietrich, Elizabeth Taylor, James Stewart, Spencer Tracy, and Fred Astaire could be spotted touring the back lots and soundstages of Hollywood's biggest studios, at night, much to the ire of the nearby restaurants. Bob's painting would be turned into a poster for the movie, giving public a remembrance of the early days of Hollywood Babylon.

The imagery produced for *Star Trek* (see page 3) the second film back in 1970 would set the tone for the next four more *Star Trek*s. In *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* (1982), Scott would paint images of Captain Kirk and Spock with a stark, impudent image of Ricardo Montalban looking over them. The surreal rock formation and the black-clad figures in the desert gives the viewer that Star Trek is an alternate planet as they encounter their counterparts in a clash of good versus evil. Bob would produce several variations of this theme in both black and white and color. The classic green alien in the final leg artwork would be a rightist version of one of the many color illustrations.

The *Star Trek* film series continued in 1984 with the third installment titled *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*. This release centered around the Vulcan character played by Leonard Nimoy, who also directed the film, but as he had with the previous two films, Bob Peak would spend more hours working up black and white photo sketches. Several of these ideas sketchy more clean drawings to be worked into color copy. (He usually art produced a smiling and mysterious image of Spock's face almost transparent against a backdrop of colorful sunsets, rays of light radiate out from him as they disappear into deep space.) Below Spock is another image of Kirk and the other Enterprise crew members. Above, the Enterprise is located in space with a Klingon warship.

In 1987, Bob had painted the extraordinary image for the film *Genesis* that won him a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators, the first movie painting ever to be awarded such a distinction. In 1991, Bob would receive the majestic title of Knightly, presidential, and numerous well-honored art director John Boorman's film *Castaway*. Unlike his predecessors,



A vertical rainbow of light rays emanates from behind the characters' heads, creating a glowing effect.

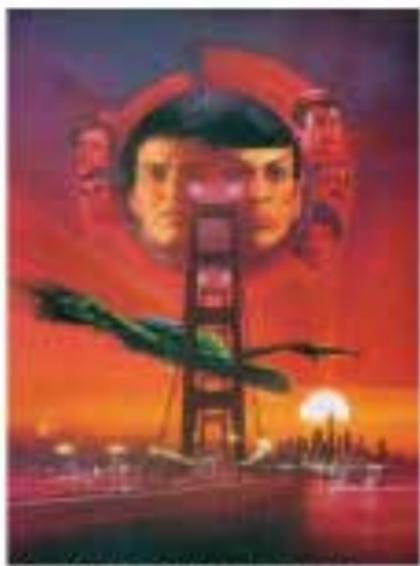
STAR TREK
THE MOTION PICTURE



Original Art by Brian Bolland—*The Wrath of Khan*, 1982, Acrylic.



Original Art by Brian Bolland—*The Search for Spock*, 1984, Acrylic.



Original Art by Brian Bolland—*The Voyage Home*, 1986, Acrylic.



Original Art by Brian Bolland—*The Final Frontier*, 2009, Acrylic.





Magician King of the Encantos, 1991, 12" x 10", acrylic and pencil.

◀ *Magical Keywritten* (1991, 10" x 12", acrylic and pencil). This piece was awarded a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators.



Revolution—based upon the novel by Miles Franklin by St Thomas Malory—would present much easier visualizations of the story of King Arthur. Its light sequences in particular were much more realistic than any of the earlier ones about King Arthur and his legions.

For the Bira-Ocean Pictures revolutionized a campaign, guaranteeing at first one, but five finished illustrations used to capture the audience's interest. Nels were brought to work capturing the different facets of the picture. He would subsequently come up with ideas about how best to use the themes in the movie. His final task, these sketches and developed color concepts, of course, would become the five illustrations representing the film. Using graphic and painterly means combined, Nels painted a series of five framed illustrations, printing variations on several of the pieces. One illustration shows the passion and romance of Sir Lancelot and Lady Guinevere in a lover's embrace. A second painting gives the unforgettable image of the round. Round, young with all its experience from the war. Two knights clashing in battle, a dramatic image of two factions fighting for control of one kingdom. The last, an all-powerful image of the grand sword Excalibur would win Bob a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators, and the final finished key art presents an image of all the preceding illustrations in a single montage painting.



Illustration of Sir Lancelot, 1983, 20" x 40", gouache and pencil.



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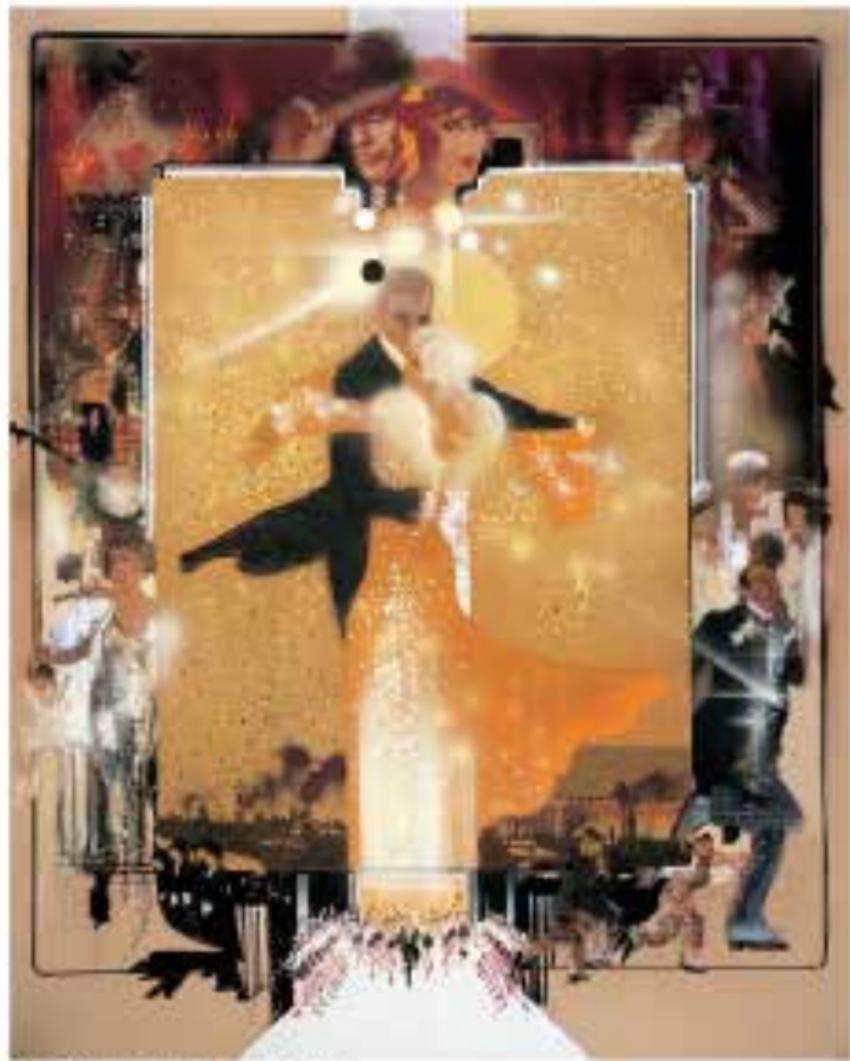
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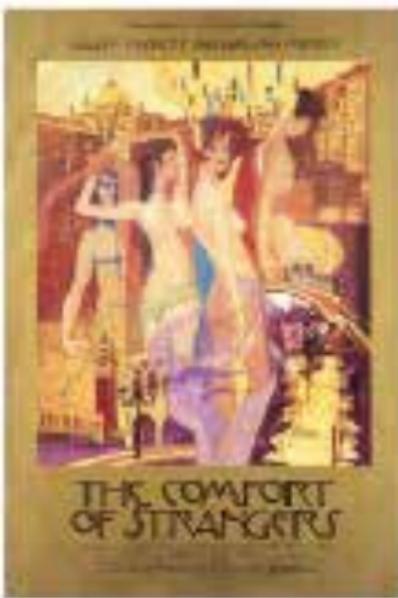
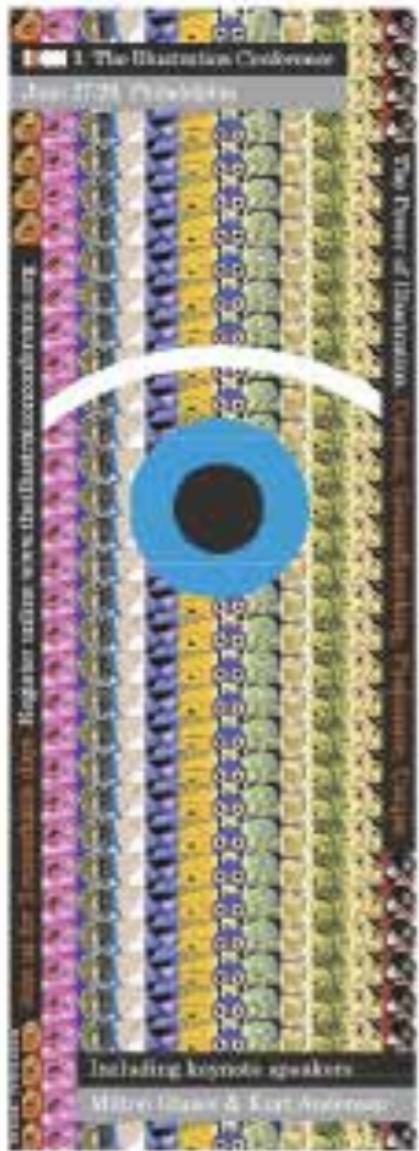


Original art for *Prada* (from *Numero*, 1995). Scenester and control.

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Original art for *Prada* (from *Numero*, 1995). Scenester and control. ➤





See related article on the *Teacher of Strangers*, 1990.

A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

On June 26, 1992, some three years after Stein had first arrived on the Hollywood scene with his innovative and electrifying work on *West Side Story*, he was honored at the recipient of the "Key for Lifetime Achievement award," presented by *The Hollywood Reporter* for his enormous contributions to the film industry.

Tony Curtis—legendary star of such movies as *Spartacus*, *Seven Days in May*, and *The Defiant Ones*—hosted the standing ovation which consisted of over 100 invited guests. Curtis is one of the great movie poetry throughout the decades, and represented all the cultural "key art" had played on the film industry over the years. Afterward, he introduced one of the evening's main presenters, including some of the movie industry's most prominent characters.

Isela Bridges, star and television star and starlet of the celebrated *Bridget Jones*, weighed the honor of presenting the award to my father. Bob not only the second individual in the 21-year history of the awards ceremony to be chosen by the advisory panel for such an honor. Only the late Jim, who had resolved with each group division at Alfred Hitchcock, Martin Scorsese, and Otto Preminger was recognized with such an award for his work in the arts.

After the introduction, the audience was treated to a presentation of Bob's work via a slide presentation in 1990.



THE COMFORT OF STRANGERS

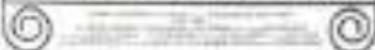


Illustration used for the *Stevens of Memphis*, 1994.

and ending with *The Comfort of Strangers*. It was in the fall of 1994, though, that Bob would work on his final project, appropriately enough, with *The Comfort of Strangers* and *Impressionism*—the last two titles Bob worked on—were both done for Tim Stevens, with whom Bob had worked on as many marketplace campaigns over the years. The artwork for the *HBO Asymptote*, featuring Hugh Grant, Judi Dench, and Mandy Patinkin, was left unfinished, having gone to another team's studio at Black and White studio studios.

An older man at this point was that might as well be the Director of Advertising itself. He was overwhelmed with exhaustion. He could not sleep the last night of all the projects & intensive projects, long hours, and rememberable auctions he made it through to make his dream of becoming a respected professional illustrator. The evening proved to be a moving tribute to a man who did the impossible, earned the title of "Father of the American Movie Poster." The evening held special significance for myself and the studio as all four of us were in the room that night along with Bob's long-time friend and agent Harvey Korman and wife Shirley. Later we would all have dinner together, with much of the weekend being in each other's company. Truly, it would also be the last time our father and all four of his children would be assembled together.

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EPISODE

Just a little over a month after my father received his Lifetime Achievement award, he passed away on August 1, 1992, at Scottsdale Memorial Health Hospital in Arizona at the result of a brain-aneurysm surgery. As a child, I adored him, and those who knew him were shocked and devastated by the news. His agent, Harvey Kubin, sent a piece in the obituary section of *The New York Times*, telling about the man, the artist, his work, and his life. A photograph of Bob Peak and a reproduction of his most popular *Catscalz* accompanied the article. This was a thoughtful gesture by Harvey Kubin and greatly appreciated by myself and my brothers and sisters. *The Wall Street Journal* as well as *Newsweek* magazine would also run stories about my father and his career.

The story of Bob Peak, his work, his life, and his legacy will live on in the remarkable body of work he leaves behind. His art has left an indelible impression on popular culture and the field of illustration. Many fine institutions are also big fans with his children, family friends, and colleagues. We were all fortunate to have grown up at this wild and whimsical time when the teaching of our elders who taught us, by example, the meaning of integrity, professionalism, and love, with a strong work ethic, you can succeed in this competitive world. We were able to see the beauty of life and all of its wonders through his eyes as an artist. To step and behold the glory of a sunrise, or the way a friend's open spider web glows from precious light right after an early spring shower. These are the invaluable lessons my father leaves to us all. *



Illustration study for *Impression*, 1991

Sample Work: I recall the 10-parents' early Thanksgiving telephone tree and Our Choices for 1990 letter and invitation combination with satisfaction used in this article. It had you make one grand to *Illustrated Parents* and 20th Century Fox to mail postcards. If you wanted to, you could choose parts of *Impression* for your postcard. I wrote a poem to help you remember what parts of *Impression* to include in your postcard. My postcard goes out by direct delivery postcard and changes of residence. By giving me the opportunity to write about my artwork for *Illustrated Parents*, Bruce gave a platform whereby I can, a work professional and dedicated individual, I can continue success with *Illustrated Parents*. It's a pleasure working with Bruce and *Illustrated Parents*. The first article written after the 10-parents' early Thanksgiving telephone tree

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Remembering Bob Peak

by Harvey Kahn

A Speech Given to The Society of Illustrators in January, 1993

Fest of all, I want to thank Diane Boddy-Schultz, the Board of Directors of the Society, and Young Remond for the opportunity to talk about our friend, Bob Peak.

When Diane asked if I would speak for you about Bob, my first reaction was a negative one. How do you say something about someone whose work is bigger than life? Having represented Bob Peak for more than 25 years, I have come to the following conclusion:

When an artist's work is an boldly-voiced, adrenalized, and informed, we can appreciate right off the bat originality and vigor of his statement. Looking at Bob Peak's classic prints for the *Star Trek* series, we can understand those dazzling and soaring ice fields we've seen in but can't see the same in the laws "We saw each other."

Although Bob was involved in many areas, he was of course known for his illustrations. One first project together back in 1962 was "Not So Little." A string of strong images followed—many with landmarks in Bob's artwork such as "Majestic Lady," "Cathedral," "The Mountain Breaks" and "Rollerball." A highlight was "Spaceheave Now," which Bob did with the most exciting thing he had ever seen on.

Bob's artistic vision represented a bridge between Beuys' alchemical handwork and Gorky's Whitewash, with its emphasis on technique, its more discovery of coating grounds, greater use of line, and a more meeting, bolder palette.

Bob was always more interested in the play of the work. His thinking-traveling techniques, despite the technical ability, to think, was all in the mind. In fact, when people called, curious to know how he had achieved a certain luminosity in a print, his response was a comment: "Bob Peak was just simple, straightforward; he was larger than life."

In those last days, it may be difficult to believe that this pioneer of illustration was once a plumpish pianist, born man of the "Alabama family"—with his flowing white hair, long beard and bold eyes, a story book marriage to his lovely wife, Linda, and their location assignments, and every award at the book, including the "Key Art Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1982 from *The Hollywood Reporter*, Newspaper Bob always, "I'll want to die over to be in *Illustrator*." Despite his very bad health, Bob Peak never seemed to please, which made him the consummate commercial artist. Having a reputation like Bob Peak's puts a lot of pressure on us—but it was the pressure that got his adoration going. His luminous ideas in a glass project and

would put them down in scratch-and-composition. At times, it seemed that he did too many. That adoration could get going and he would go on and on, and I'd have to ask him to calm down. There are other jobs waiting!

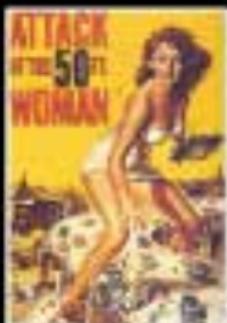
I leave you with a story that originally occurred during Bob's visit to the New York people after looking around with some other graphic possibilities, came back to Bob at the last minute for a special project. He'd been working on and the studio values that called me to say that I'd be making someone closer to check up on Bob's progress. Until then they shouldn't do that, but they didn't listen. Now, when Bob was deeply into work, on a night deadline he would dial a rapid when I'd phone. He'd know it was me, but the telephone, he wasn't a house. The phone guy from Datacom would open that door to the Adams' closet without being speaking to Bob—when I said I had a job and, you see, right across in the end, Bob waited for his own creative expression. He is quite acquiescent to the client's intervention.

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Bob Peak, 1988

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The exhibition features 34 of the Kelly Collection's fine pen and ink drawings. Most were published as illustrations in family magazines and children's books between 1890 and 1915. Charles F. Tunnicliffe and many other artists are represented in this collection, including Joseph Pennell, who is best known for his satirical book portraits; James Montgomery Flagg, creator of Uncle Sam's "I Want You" poster; the father of animation, Winsor McCay; John Held Jr., who was famous for his drawings of Harper's and *Life* magazines; and W.C. Morris, the first of the great British family of painters.

The Kelly Collection of American Illustration is a new focus. Projects based on education, research, and library publications and private collectors.

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In addition to his illustrations, Mr. Noble wrote three children's and two historical novels and literary and poetry albums. The 50th anniversary of Maurice Noble's landmark book, *Fifteen* (1942), George Jefferis (1991), Mr. Noble's book contains nearly all of the original drawings and more than a thousand of his hand-drawn newly discovered letters and his complete *Will Hinge*. The 50th-anniversary book illustrates children's art over 50 years and also 50 drawings created by the two other highly acclaimed children's book illustrators of the 1970s and the mid-1980s—Peter Pappi (1971) and Barbara Cooney (1985). *Will Hinge* is a collection of letters that have kept Noble's name alive in the art world's memory. As the 50th anniversary book illustrates, L.L. Brown (1971) and the *James 1650*, Donald Grey (1985).

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