

## Experience The Canine Creations of “Dog Artist” Skip Hartzell

South Florida artist Skip Hartzell creates large oil paintings, works on paper and four-legged sculptures inspired by man’s best friend. The canine-inspired artworks that he creates are figments of his artistic imagination and creative vision.



**Miami Beach, Sep 25, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](http://Issuewire.com))** - Port St. Lucie-based artist [Skip Hartzell](#) is known locally as “the dog artist”. He is a longtime supporter of no-kill animal rescues and donates proceeds from the sale of his artworks to animal-rescue, no kill shelters. The artworks he creates are inspired from morning walks accompanied by a furry friend. Hartzell creates directly from his emotions and instincts,

his work is inspired by dogs of all shapes, sizes and varieties.

Skip Hartzell's art studio is crawling with canine-based works. Whether he's painting or sculpting, Hartzell's dogs have a wonderful quality of friendliness about them, and it's hard to keep yourself from reaching out to touch. And that's perfectly okay with Hartzell. He's never been one to place a rope around his artwork.

"The texture is so important because the tactile experience of the sculpture is so primal for me," he says. "You grab with your hands and just start to mush things together and get your fingers on the materials, and there is just such a richness to the feel." He says whenever he's doing a show, he is quick to hand his sculptures to the patrons so they can enjoy the feeling, too. And whether it's painted on canvas or sculpture, the texture is one of the most captivating and inviting parts of experiencing his artwork. Hartzell may not set out to mimic the look of someone's beloved pet, but he says his sculptures and paintings often evoke a fond memory of a furry family member.

"If you love dogs, you are going to love to Skip Hartzell's soulful pieces. His work is representative of caricature features of dogs," said J. Marshall Adams, the executive director of the [A.E. Backus Museum and Gallery](#) in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce where Hartzell has held exhibitions.

"When you walk into Skip Hartzell's studio you are greeted by hundreds of dogs in all shapes, sizes, textures and colors. There are dogs on the wall that create an intriguing color field installation. There are medium size dogs standing or sitting and hanging all over the place. And his large dogs just ask to be hugged," said Rickie Leiter, Publisher of [The Rickie Report](#).

The artist has held numerous solo exhibitions at notable art galleries and prestigious art fairs such as [Art Palm Beach](#), A.E. Backus Museum, ArtHouse 429, Paul Fisher Gallery, and Aqua Art Fair during Art Basel Miami Beach. "Although I love dogs, my art is about much more, it is about form, movement and mostly about the painterly expression and texture of the surface," Hartzell says.

To learn more about this fascinating artist, for sales information, commissions, or general inquiries, please email: [skipperhartzell@yahoo.com](mailto:skipperhartzell@yahoo.com) and visit [www.skiphartzell.com](http://www.skiphartzell.com)

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