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## Michael W. Hall

### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

I am entranced by ideas of travel and of sneaking into hidden worlds. I spend much of my time moving alongside America's railroads, stealing rides while sending scrawled images, coded messages and inside jokes to other trackside lurkers across the country. Hiding in the shadows beneath bridges, sitting unseen behind bushes, waking up to discover I don't know what state I'm in, I find inspiration.

My current paintings are focused on notions of motion. My watercolors suggest blurred trails, as if something you've only just missed has already moved out of sight. Other pieces in gouache seem reminiscent of secret openings, holes cut into fences. It's not difficult to connect my twisting lines of color to the ornate network of train tracks and wooded trails that crisscross my world. I often paint and draw while on the road.

In addition to a new mural and some new gouache and watercolors, I have just finished a seven-color screen-print in time for EAST. It is an edition of 40, all signed and hand-numbered. They came out so well that many people are confusing them with original gouache paintings.

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## SELECTED GROUP AND JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 "ausTEN", **Camiba Art**, Austin, TX  
"Say it Ain't Souther", **The Public Trust**, Dallas, TX  
"East Austin Studio Tour", Austin, TX  
"Penjelum Summer Series #1", **Canopy Studios**, Austin, TX
- 2012 "Other Ways In", **Space 1026**, Philadelphia, PA  
"We Used to Walk", **Common House**, Austin, TX  
"Reading the Rails", **Art Folk**, Birmingham, AL  
"From the Back Alley to the Gallery", **Art Ark Gallery**, San Jose, CA
- 2011 "Group Show", **Buckingham House**, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 "The Third Annual", **Padlock Gallery**, Philadelphia, PA
- 2006 "Halloweaster", **New Space**, South Philadelphia, PA  
"Antagonist Presents Michael W. Hall", **Niagara Bar**, New York, NY
- 2005 "Space 1026 Art Auction", **Space 1026**, Philadelphia, PA  
"Group Show", **South Philadelphia Athenaeum**, Philadelphia, PA  
"New Work by Sienna Freeman & Michael W. Hall", **The Bean Café**, Philadelphia, PA  
"I'd Rather be Sick in Bed", **Niagara Bar**, New York, NY
- 2004 "Space 1026 Art Auction", **Space 1026**, Philadelphia, PA
- 2003 "Baby Girl Put It On Me", **Space 1026**, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 "Flipbook Festival", **Space 1026**, Philadelphia, PA
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