

Don Manderson Bio and Artist Statement

Artist Bio

Don Manderson earned an AA at Pensacola State College, a BFA at Florida Atlantic University and an MFA at Florida State University. After completing his MFA he worked as an art and computer instructor in the Escambia School District, Pensacola, Florida and as an adjunct computer graphics instructor at Pensacola State College. Don is now a full time computer graphics artist and is showing in nationally juried shows. His “digital montage” work exhibits influences of his Asian art history studies, his formal training in expressionist painting techniques, and his propensity for use of surreal imagery to effect social comment.

Artist Statement

My work examines the simultaneous sensory experience present in a society that is increasingly technical and transitory. This is exemplified by expectations for individuals to constantly act on input from multiple digital and analog sources. My work is inspired by subconscious and dream state attempts to reconcile this sensory bombardment, which often distorts information. My montages employ layers of photographic imagery that interact visually and metaphorically to imply a piece’s social narrative.