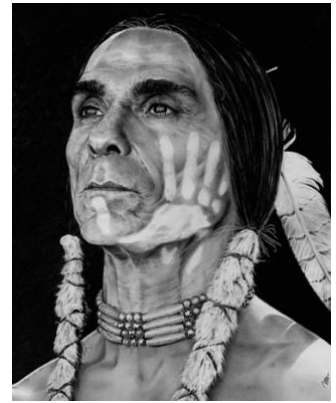




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PORTRAITS & FIGURATIVE ART



COMMISSIONS –

You want a one-of-a-kind, custom piece of art but you're not sure where to start? Hopefully, this Q & A will help you make an informed decision.

Q: How much is this gonna cost me?

A: This is easily the most common question, and for good reason. The truth is, costs can and do vary based on the size and complexity of the drawing. Like most artists, I base my pricing on the amount of time it takes to complete a piece of art. And because larger and more involved images take longer, they're naturally going to cost more.

- Commissioned pieces start at \$500 for an 11" x 14" or 12" x 16" black and white pencil drawing on Bristol. All pieces are unframed.
- Larger sizes are available; please contact me directly for estimate.
- Colored pencil drawings and multi-person images (such as a couple or family) would also be priced higher.
- Prices may vary slightly, but I will go over all costs with you and provide a written estimate prior to starting.

Q: Can you draw my spouse / child / parent / dog?

A: Absolutely! I've drawn plenty of family members over the years, young and old alike. There's something very special about having a custom drawing of a loved one, and I'm always honored when someone puts their trust in me.

One caveat – I don't have a ton of experience drawing Fido or Miss Kitty, but that doesn't mean we can't have that conversation!

Q: Do you need me to provide you with an image?

A: Yes please. I draw all my pieces from photos, and the higher resolution the image you provide me, the better results you can expect.

Q: The only photo I have of grandpa is a scan of a 1970 Polaroid. Will that work?

A: Okay ... I'm not saying it's *impossible*, but we'd both need to set our expectations accordingly. I can't draw something that I can't see. So if you're looking for a highly-detailed, photorealistic drawing, I'm going to need a high res image in order to deliver that type of final product.

Q: I'm a huge fan of Tom Brady / Lady Gaga / Jimi Hendrix / Marilyn Monroe. Can you draw him or her?

A: Gladly! Check out my portfolio and you'll see several recognizable faces. Some of the celebrities I've drawn recently include Amy Winehouse, Jerry Garcia, Mariah Carey, Tom Daley and Liza Minelli. I'd be happy to bring your idol to life!

Q: How should I pay you? And do you require any \$\$ up front?

A: I accept online payment via PayPal, Venmo and Zelle. Good ol' fashioned checks work for me as well.

I do require a 50% deposit on all commissions to secure your place in line. Once I start the drawing, I will provide you with numerous progress updates throughout the process. This would be your window opportunity to request **minor** edits to the piece, and I'm happy to oblige whenever I can. I want you to be 100% happy with the final product!

When the drawing is complete, I'll send you an invoice for the remaining balance. Shipping takes place once the balance is paid in full.

Q: Speaking of which ... what's the deal with shipping?

A: The smaller pieces are generally mailed flat in an envelope, while larger drawings are rolled up in a cardboard tube.

I use both UPS and US Postal Service for domestic shipping, and I leave it up to you to decide which you prefer.

I provide complimentary domestic shipping when using US Postal Service. However, be aware that delivery times can – and do – vary wildly. Usually, it's fine, but it once took FIVE WEEKS for USPS to ship a package from Tampa to Nashville!! True story!

UPS is typically a faster and more reliable option than snail mail, but it also costs more. I ask my customers to pick up the UPS charges should they decide to go that route.

Q: I live in London / Rio / Hong Kong / Timbuktu. Do you ship internationally?

A: As a matter of fact, I do ship internationally – typically via US Postal Service – and the customer would be responsible for those charges. Recently, I've shipped pieces to Canada, UK, Germany, Portugal, Spain, and the Netherlands.

Got more questions?

No problem! Please don't hesitate to reach out. I make every effort to answer all emails, texts and DM's within 24 hours, most usually within a few hours. And if you'd rather chat on the phone, I'm more than happy to do so.

Still on the fence?

I get it ... it's a big decision. So here are a few brief testimonials from clients who commissioned pieces with me this past year -

"My drawing came alive with Marc's superb attention to detail!" – Craig, Tampa FL

"When I showed my friends the piece I commissioned, they thought it was a photo! Excellent customer service and communication as well!" – Laura, Kansas City KS

"I've done two commissions with Marc, and I can only say that it's a wonderful experience." – Hugo, Porto, Portugal

"I was amazed how happy the drawing made me! I couldn't believe his attention to detail, whether it was the hair, the eyes or the facial expression. His art is always a conversation piece whenever I entertain guests in my home." – Ray, Tampa FL

"Marc makes the entire process very tangible and collaborative. We look forward to working with him again." – Michael and Amanda, Atlanta GA

"It was such a delight to have Marc draw two portraits of my best friend. I get compliments on them daily ... people can't believe they aren't photographs!" – Terry, Birmingham AL