

# SNJ Community Profile



Freed

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Damon Freed, a 32-year-old Sedalia Native, has been involved with art in one form or another for a long time.

“I don’t know that I had a clear idea that I wanted to be involved in art until probably my junior or senior year of high school,” Freed said.

He graduated from Smith-Cotton High School before attending the School for Visual Arts (SVA) in New York City, where he received his bachelor’s degree in painting and drawing.

After SVA, Freed attended graduate school at Hunter College in New York City, where he earned his master’s degree in painting and drawing in 2006.

Freed began teaching art at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) three years ago and he has taught at State Fair Community College for the past two years.

“This fall I will be teaching design one and two at UCM and art appreciation at SFCC,” Freed said.

Freed was asked why he decided to become a teacher.

“My parents. My mom was an elementary school teacher and Dad taught at SFCC for 30 or 32 years, I believe,” Freed said.

Freed has also been involved in his own art projects for quite a while.

In March, 2009, Freed had a solo art show at the Bruno David Gallery in St. Louis.

Freed’s favorite medium to work with is acrylic paint and he is currently working on a series of paintings that are much smaller than those he usually does.

“I am working on small pieces that are 21 inches by 21 inches. Currently, that is the smallest size I work on,” Freed explained.

He added, “I do the 72 inch by 72 inch canvas as

well.”

Visual mediums are not the only type of art that Freed works with. Recently Freed began writing poetry as well as painting.

“That started here at SFCC as a class I took. I took one poetry class and it stuck. It was the first time that I read poetry for its beauty,” Freed said.

“I really do enjoy poetry,” he added.

In his spare time Freed tries to focus on his personal artwork as well as friends and family.

“What little spare time I have, I enjoy spending with friends and family,” he said.

People may view examples of Freed’s art by visiting his website at [www.Damon-Freed.com](http://www.Damon-Freed.com).

His poetry can also be found on the site.

“My blog is where my poetry is,” Freed said.