



The art of Michael Tolleson

About Michael Tolleson (taken from <http://www.michaeltollesonartist.com>)

Michael Tolleson is an artist with Aspergers, which he attributes to his ability to paint proficiently and effectively without formal training. April, 2016 marks 5 years of his actively painting and over 700 gallery worthy paintings being created (no mistakes including his first painting). His first 5 paintings were displayed and sold in art galleries in 3 states and since then they are sold worldwide. With each new painting, he continues to evolve, develop his own style and progress because of an aptitude that he attributes to his Aspergers. While he can paint as an artistic savant, he has other deficits such as face blindness (inability to remember faces if they are "out of location context" or if clothing or hairstyle has significantly changed). He can do complex math in his head, but cannot fill out forms, reports, schedules, or balance a checkbook. Aspergers has its pluses and minuses...

The Michael Tolleson art events are sponsored by the 15th annual Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® and are one of several events commemorating autism awareness month. Funds raised from these events will go, in part, towards the creation of art activities for individuals with autism spectrum disorder in the local community. For more information about the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® events please visit our website at

www.rallyforautism.org.

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**APRIL 29, 2016
5 TO 7 PM
THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
VISUAL ARTS CENTER**

**927 3RD AVENUE
HUNTINGTON, WV
ACROSS FROM PULLMAN SQUARE**



ABOUT THE FRIDAY EVENING EVENT

Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet Michael Tolleson, an up and coming savant artist. This is a free event sponsored by the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism®. Enjoy refreshments and conversation with the artist while viewing several of his paintings on display, available for purchase. Michael will then be painting a picture live, as he discusses how his Asperger's syndrome affects his art and his life. The live painting will be auctioned along with two other paintings. One of those will be a painting done live at the Autism Society of America Conference, July 2015 and the other will be a painting done live the day before on the WSAZ 4 o'clock news.

ALSO, see Michael paint during an interview on the WSAZ 4 o'clock news on Thursday, April 28th and live at the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® event at Ritter Park, Huntington, WV on SATURDAY, APRIL 30th.

Michael will be interviewed during the WSAZ 4 o'clock news on Thursday, April 28th where he will also paint a picture during the news show. This painting will be auctioned on April 29th at the art event at the MU Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington. Michael will also be painting a Marshall University themed painting during the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism®. This painting will be raffled during the Rally for Autism®. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Friday evening art event, at the Rally and at other autism awareness events in April. April is autism awareness month! Go to www.rallyforautism.org to learn more.



Calendar of Events for Savant Artist Michael Tolleson

Thursday, April 28th, WSAZ NEWS at 4: Michael appears on the WSAZ News at 4 o'clock where he will be interviewed and will complete a painting during the program. This painting will be auctioned at the art event on Friday, April 29th.

Friday, April 29th, 5 to 7 pm, Marshall University Visual Arts Center: Reception, painting demonstration and auction of three pieces of Michael Tolleson art. Paintings will also be available for sale.

Saturday, April 30th, 9 am to 12 pm, Ritter Park: Michael will be painting a Marshall University themed painting during the Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® which will be raffled at the event.