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Message from Frank Falotico, Director

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer...even if it *does* seem more hot and humid than ever before! We are in the process of gearing up for the 2010-2011 school year and are looking forward to all new and returning students. If you have any questions about the information you read in *The Palette*, feel free to contact me here at the office. Enjoy!



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I Want My... I Want My duCret TV...

Former students of the duCret School fill the airwaves!

Did you see the report on WABC's Eyewitness News about the watermain break? Or did you happen to catch that commercial for AT&T Wireless with the guy tossing postcards on a huge map of the United States? Maybe you saw that episode of *Cake Boss* on The Learning Channel? The one where the cake had those little characters sculpted out of chocolate? Well, if you did, you probably saw the work of former students from The duCret School of Art!

Every year duCret continues to let loose talented artisans, graphic designers and illustrators on the unsuspecting public. A majority of these artistic individuals end up producing their craft in anonymity...designing ads and brochures or promoting their paintings and crafts to distinguished patrons of the arts. But did you realize that quite a few former students of duCret have found a place in your living room? Here's a highlight of just a few of them.

Chrissy Skubish

Since graduating from duCret in 1998, Chrissy Skubish has spent a number of years in the background... literally...as a scenic artist. A scenic artist is someone who paints the scenery



Screen shot of AT&T commercial.



Ralph Attanasia adds the finishing touches to a multi-tiered cake on an episode of *Cake Boss*.

and backdrops for stage productions, TV and movies. Chrissy's career has spanned doing scenics for Julliard, the PaperMill Playhouse, Saturday Night Live, various commercials and TV shows like *Law & Order SVU* and *White Collar* on USA. Chrissy's work has ended up on the big screen as well, in movies like *The Producers* and *War of the Worlds*.

"I use the skills I learned at duCret on a daily basis, especially color theory, drawing and perspective. I've even used the skills learned in anatomy and portrait painting," Chrissy says. "Without the fine art training that I received at duCret, I would not have the cool job that I have today."

Ralph Attanasia

Since graduating duCret in 2007, Ralph has quickly moved on in his career, became an instructor at duCret, and has become a member of the team on *Cake Boss* that airs Monday nights on TLC. During the third season opener of *Cake Boss*, Ralph brought his sculpting talents to Carlo's Bakery about

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halfway through the episode. The Cake Boss crew were a bit leery of Ralph's initial appearance, but he soon proved himself worthy to be a valuable member of the group!

Just back from a one-week stay in Italy for the show, Ralph comments, "We start with an impossible concept and move on to a crazy deadline to get the cakes done...*but it's fun!*"

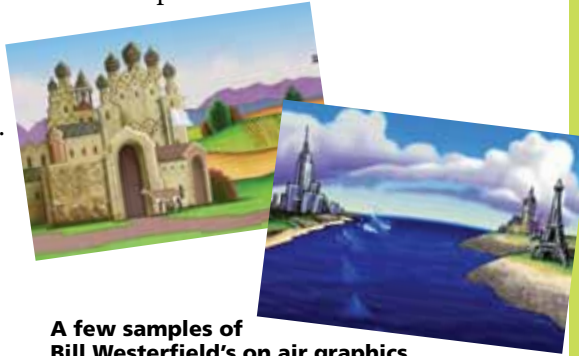
Bill Westerfield

Bill Westerfield has been "on TV" for almost 27 years. And although you've never seen his face, you may have seen his work. During that time, he has produced on-air graphics for ABC's World News, Wide World of Sports, Eyewitness News and Good Morning America. There was a one-year detour in 1989 where Bill switched to NBC and the Today show.

"When I started in 1983, I created pastel, marker and color pencil renderings on vellum for on-air graphics,"

says Bill. "It wasn't until 1987 that I began using the computer and painting systems that created still graphics for television broadcast." It goes without saying that over the years, that technology has changed dramatically! Bill adds, "My contributions to Good Morning America range from playful political and cartoon animations to more serious 3D scenic renderings".

"Everything I do at ABC I use my training as an artist to guide my decisions. I may no longer airbrush or use pastels or colored pencils at work, but the work I do is better for having done so in the past."



A few samples of Bill Westerfield's on air graphics.

Thanks!

A huge thank you to Newtech Recycling, Inc. (www.newtechrecycling.com), located in Somerset, NJ. Over the years, we've accumulated a number of outdated computers, printers, scanners and such that had taken up valuable storage space throughout the building. Thankfully, Jim Entwistle, President and Co-Owner at Newtech Recycling said that they could help us out and take away our old systems, free of charge!

Thanks to instructors Kevin Sadler and Phil Laskowski, all the computers were prepped for departure. When the Newtech crew arrived, they quickly and efficiently loaded everything into their truck to be whisked away and safely disassembled for recycling. Newtech Recycling, Inc. is a NJDEP licensed facility permitted to demanufacture computers and electronics. Newtech participates as the electronic recycling partner for Union, Somerset and Warren counties here in New Jersey. They operate as a depot center for resident drop-offs and run municipal collection events held throughout the year.

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