

JAMES EUGENE BIOGRAPHY



James Eugene is a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey. He considers himself to be an entrepreneur, visual artist, Web designer, writer, and teacher. After graduating from the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art, he was selected to illustrate his first book. His first work was a children's book about black inventors. After he completed his first book project, he took the time to expand his artistic skills from creating oil paintings to designing comic strips. James received a fellowship from the New Jersey Council on the Arts from the governor of New Jersey. He used the funds from that grant project to create a collection of oil paintings that patrons can see on display at his many art shows. James's oil painting collection is the cornerstone of his current art collections. James went on to attend and graduate from the Atlanta College of Art, and was appointed to serve at the Children's School in Atlanta where he worked as a technology and media instructor.

Currently James is working as a freelance illustrator and digital artist. As a digital artist, he has designed more than 100 Websites for audiences that include corporate businesses, churches, and community organizations. However, his versatility as an artist has helped him to branch out from traditional mediums and expand his work for different audiences. James's work can also be found on covers of music CDs, popular clothing lines, and sports memorabilia. He currently has four illustrated books in print. Those titles include *I am a Sigma Gamma Rho Legacy*, *For those who stare at the moon*, *Patterns are Everywhere: An Upside Down Pattern Book*, and *The Rooftop Club*.

James lives and works in Atlanta, Georgia, and he spends his spare time organizing arts shows, writing, and designing. His current projects include illustrating a graphic novel, designing an independent apparel line, creating a line of limited edition prints, and working on his first co-authored children's book. His digital work as well as traditional art is about communication and transition. However, the ultimate goal of his work is to bring all people together.