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EDUCATION

L'Ecole des Beaux-Arts de Bordeaux, and the Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, 1984–1985

B.F.A., Painting/Design and Illustration, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 1987

Drawing, Art Students League, New York, N.Y., 1989; Cooper Union, New York, N.Y., 1996

Painting, New York Academy of Art, New York, N.Y., 1990, 1992

Art Criticism, The New School, New York, N.Y., 1994

CAREER

Artist and illustrator, 1987–

Lecturer, libraries, universities and museums, California, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Utah, 1989–

Teacher, Mentor Program, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, N.Y., 1996, 1999; Independent Graduate Study Program, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., 1999, 2001; Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2000

MEMBERSHIP

The Author Guild, SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators)

MEDIA

Painting, collage, drawing, sculpture, installation

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITION(S)

Drawings and Paintings by Stephen T. Johnson, Center for the Arts Gallery, Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minn., 1994

Alphabet City, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, N.Y., 1997
Alphabet City and City by Numbers, Memorial Art Gallery, the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., 2000

The Art of Stephen T. Johnson, Art and Design Gallery, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 2001

Seeing is Believing, the Artwork of Stephen T. Johnson, Sabatini Gallery, Topeka, Kans., 2003

Stephen T. Johnson, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kans., 2005

An Abstract Alphabet: New Work by Stephen T. Johnson, Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 2007

The Interactive Art of Stephen T. Johnson, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, N.Y., 2007

Selections from An Abstract Alphabet by Stephen T. Johnson, Beach

Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kans., 2008

Nocturnes: Paintings and Prints by Stephen T. Johnson and Lisa Grossman, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, Kans., 2009

Literal Abstractions by Stephen T. Johnson, Mulvane Art Museum, Washburn University, Topeka, Kans., 2010

The Art of Stephen T. Johnson, Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo, Colo., 2011

Stephen T. Johnson Mid-Career Survey, Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, Kans., 2011

GROUP EXHIBITION(S)

Alphabet Soup: Work by Stephen T. Johnson, Jim Munce and Tony Fitzpatrick, Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kans., 2008

Along the Way: MTA Arts for Transit, Celebrating 20 years of Public Art, UBS Art Gallery, New York, N.Y., 2005

Figures: Paintings and Drawings, Lawrence Art Center, Curator: Robert Brawley, Lawrence, Kans., 2005

Recent Acquisitions, Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 2005

Group Exhibition, Fields Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2006

Person to Person, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kans., 2006

Delicious, 6 Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2007

Kansas Invitational Masters Art Exhibition, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kans., 2007

Ten Years, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, N.Y., 2007

Thresholds, 6 Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2007

Dreams & Portals, Spencer Museum of Art, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans., 2008

Process, Hayden Art Center, Lincoln, Neb., 2008

Public Art, Denver International Airport, Denver, Colo., 2008
Water, 6 Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2008

How We Live Now, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., 2009

Kansas Invitational Masters Art Exhibition, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kans., 2009

Trees, 6 Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2009

White Exhibition, b.a.l.m., Signs of Life Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2009; Hausmann Millworks, San Antonio, Tex., 2010

The New Show, Signs of Life Gallery, Lawrence, Kans., 2010

Star Wars: Visions (traveling exhibition), Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Mass., 2011

HONOR(S)/AWARD(S)

David Humphrey's Memorial Award, Allied Artists of America, 1992

Philip Isenberg Memorial Award, 1992; H. K. Holbein Award, 1993; Sanford Corporation Award, 1995; Board of

Directors Award, Pastel Society of America, 1998, 1999
Alice Melrose Memorial Award, 1993; Knickerbocker Artists

Award, 1994; Washington Square Outdoor Award, Salmagundi Club, 1995
Yarka Award, Audubon Society, 1994
New York Times Best Illustrated Book of The Year Award, 1995, 2008
Silver Medal, 1995, 1998; Gold Medal, 1996, 1999, Museum of American Illustration at the Society of Illustrators
Caldecott Honor Award, American Library Association, 1996
Phoenix Award for Exceptional Artistic Achievement by an Individual Artist, Lawrence (Kansas) Art Commission, 2004
Kansas Governor's Art Award for Individual Artist, 2005

COLLECTIONS

Archives & Special Collections, University of Connecticut
Arts for Transit, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University
Boston Beer Company, Inc.
Brooklyn Public Library
City of Lawrence, Kansas
Eaton Collection, University of California, Riverside
Emprise Financial Corporation, Wichita, Kans.
Euro-Wine-Gate, Inc., Cognac, France
Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City, Mo.
Kerlan Collection, University of Minnesota
Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kans.
The Lied Center for Performing Arts and School of Law, University of Kansas
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
Mazza Museum, University of Findlay
Metro Art, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority
Mulvane Art Museum, Washburn University
Museum of American Illustration at the Society of Illustrators
National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution
New Britain Museum of American Art
Price Tower Art Center, Bartlesville, Okla.
Simon & Schuster
School of Law, Spencer Museum of Art and Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas
Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum
Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University
Numerous private collections

COMMISSIONS

Numerous public, corporate and private commissions

WORK REPRODUCED IN

Burleigh, R. and S. T. Johnson. 1997. Hoops. New York: Silver Whistle/Harcourt Inc.
Burleigh, R. and S. T. Johnson. 2001. Goal. New York: Silver Whistle/Harcourt Inc.
Chaconas, D. and S. T. Johnson. 2000. On A Wintry Morning.

New York: Penguin Putnam.

Dickens, C. Adapted by D. Martin and S. T. Johnson. 1993. A Christmas Carol. Kansas City, Mo.: Andrews McMeel Publishing.
Hayden, M. and S. T. Johnson. 1992. The Nutcracker Ballet. Kansas City, Mo.: Andrews McMeel Publishing.
Johnson, S. T. 1995. Alphabet City. New York: Viking Penguin Putnam.
*Johnson, S. T. 1998. City By Numbers. New York: Viking Penguin Putnam.
Johnson, S. T. 2000. My Little Red Toolbox. New York: Silver Whistle/Harcourt Inc.
Johnson, S. T. 2002. As The City Sleeps. New York: Viking Penguin Putnam.
Johnson, S. T. 2002. My Little Blue Robot. New York: Silver Whistle/Harcourt Inc.
Johnson, S. T. 2006. My Little Yellow Taxi. New York: Red Wagon Books/Harcourt Inc.
Johnson, S. T. 2008. A Is For Art: An Abstract Alphabet. New York: Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster.
Johnson, S. T. 2009. My Little Red Fire Truck. New York: Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster.
Johnson, S. T. 2010. My Little Pink Princess Purse. New York: Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster.
Look, L. and S. T. Johnson. 1999. Love As Strong As Ginger. New York: Anne Schwartz Books/Atheneum Books for Young Readers.
MacGill-Callahan, S. and S. T. Johnson. 1995. When Solomon Was King. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers.
San Souci, R. D. 1992. The Samurai's Daughter. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers.
Sanfield, S. and S. T. Johnson. 1996. The Girl Who Wanted A Song. Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt Brace.
Schnur, S. and S. T. Johnson. 1995. The Tie Man's Miracle. New York: Morrow Junior Books.
Siebert, D. and S. T. Johnson. 2006. Tour America: A Journey Through Poems And Art. San Francisco, Calif.: Chronicle Books.

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Blackledge, L. 2008. [Stephen T. Johnson.] Register of the Spencer Museum of Art 7(9).
Cary, A. 2009. Our favorite gifts for the littlest readers on your list. Book Page December: 30.
Castaneda, E. 2008. Museum sculpture design unveiled. Lawrence Journal-World Sunday, 22 June.
Helm, M. 2007. Adult art aficionado's appreciate alliteration: Stephen Johnson's Abstract Alphabet at the Spencer Museum of Art. Present Magazine June
Hoag, A. 2007. More than a footnote. Lawrence Magazine

Fall.

- Klopper, Eric. 2010. *Star Wars: Visions*. New York: Abrams.
- Kumar, L. 2008. [Stephen T. Johnson.] *Something about the Author* 189.
- Luening, B. 2006. Top of the week. *The Kansas City Star Sunday*, 24 December.
- McMahon, R. 2006. *Tour America*. *San Francisco Chronicle* 25 June.
- Nel, P. 2008. The fall and rise of children's literature. *American Art* 22(1).
- Niccum, J. 2009. Tower of power. *Lawrence Journal-World: Pulse* 19 June.
- Rombeck, T. 2006. Fun fare for kids. *Lawrence Journal-World* 16 October.
- Rombeck, T. 2007. A is for artist: Abstract Alphabet spells new direction for Lawrence creator. *Lawrence Journal-World: Pulse Saturday*, 19 May.
- Rombeck, T. 2008. Guiding light: Sculpture aims to attract visitors to museum. *Lawrence Journal-World: Pulse Sunday*, 25 May.
- Rombeck, T. 2008. Lawrence author releases *A is for Art*. *Lawrence Journal-World: Pulse Sunday*, 14 September.
- Sanner, J. J. 2007. Class credit. *Kansas Alumni Magazine* 2.
- Scienczka, J. 2009. The ambassador's state of the union. *Los Angeles Times Sunday*, 13 December.
- Stokstad, M. 2007. Ingenuity enlivens KU gallery. *Lawrence Journal-World* 26 July.
- Zerkin, B. 2008. *A is for Art: An abstract alphabet*. [Review.] *New York Times Book Review* 9 Nov.

Numerous television interviews, 1996–2009

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The Number 16 [Acer sp.]* 1998

Pastel, watercolor, gouache and charcoal on paper

62.5 × 97.5 cm

Hunt Institute collection

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