



## **Steve Fleisch '78**

*Artist/Curator*

*Self-employed*

Artist and Curator Steven C. Fleisch '78 studied commercial art while attending La Roche College. Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in administration, management and design, Mr. Fleisch served as art director and account executive for several New Jersey advertising agencies.

“La Roche was a wonderful incubator for the creative process, from the challenges of the professors to the energy of creating the artwork,” he said.

In the early 1990s, Mr. Fleisch was seriously injured in a sports accident. While in recovery he was forced to reexamine his future and turned to fine art to release his creative talents. His first juried art show rejection provided the impetus needed to advance his artistic aesthetic to the next level.

In subsequent competitions, Mr. Fleisch went on to garner top awards in painting, sculpture and digital imaging, and was recently recognized for his photography. Gail Levin, noted Edward Hopper authority; Clare Bell, former associate curator the Solomon Guggenheim Museum; and Rupert Ravens, contemporary art dealer; are among the judges who have presented Mr. Fleisch with honors. Mr. Ravens specifically noted that not only was Mr. Fleisch's artwork inventive and fresh, but the artwork also pushed past the boundaries of perceived limitations.

As a curator Mr. Fleisch has assembled noted artists for numerous benefit art shows and was invited to produce the 10th anniversary art show for the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center. The shows that were spearheaded by Mr. Fleisch promoted hope and encouragement for patients, loved ones and the medical staff who performed various treatments.

Mr. Fleisch donated his time extensively with “Arts and Healing” and served on steering committees. He often is invited to participate in art auctions to benefit various charitable organizations such as: LOVE (Leave Out Violence), For Art's Sake, Integrity House, N.J. Cares and La Roche College's 50th Anniversary Gala.