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ABOUT US

Alex and Andrea Polzin are a husband and wife sign painting and muralist duo with over 25 years of experience in the field combined. We are in our prime and have been putting some of our best work out into the world in the last few years. We have specifically been focusing on large scale murals most recently and are very excited to apply for this opportunity.

Andrea has been drawing and painting since she could hold a brush and is the leaddesigner and art director on-site of our duo. She has painted it all and really has a taste for floral and nature inspired artwork and can be found in everything she creates. She has worked hard over the years to elevate the quality of her artwork.

Alex is has an eye for design but takes the role of project manager. Having bidorganized multiple large-scale projects from start to finish he is the guy you want to bein charge of a project of this scale. There are many working variables when it comes to large projects especially when it comes to gathering supplies in a tough supply chain environment.

Together we have constantly rose to the occasion to put out visually spectacular workthat will last for decades to come. The paint we use is very specific to murals and we will design the art to allow the mural to age gracefully. We are constantly considering what the mural would look like in 10-15 years, from the moment we begin the design process, to ordering paint. We want our work to stand the test of time.

We have dedicated our lives to this trade and hold ourselves to very high expectations each and every project. Our desire is to help beautify the landscape of our communities through long-lasting signs and murals.

EDUCATION:

Andrea is a second generation sign painter and a-prenticed with her father since before graduating high school. She then went on to continue painting on her own and starting A&A signs in 2014 with Alex.

Alex:

2006-2009 - Labette Community College - Associates in Social Sciences

2009-2011 - Wichita State University - Business Marketing and Management

2010 - Alex began apprenticing with Andrea's father who has over 40 years of sign painting experience.

2012 - Certified by KPPA (Kansas Professional Photographer's Association) to paint photography backdrops

2014 - A&A Signs was born and we've been continuing our education through graphic design, color studies and industry leading workshops.

2018 - Brushmaster's - a week long industry specific workshop with the best of the best in our trade.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

We have had six combined exhibitions that we've been featured at our local Emporia First Friday. We were featured for both their inaugural art walk and their five year anniversary.

In 2021 we were featured in a spread of a local magazine (Emporia Living) about our current artwork and signage around town.

Over the past three years we've been showcased multiple times in our local newspaper (The Emporia Gazette).

After eight months of back and forth and about 17 'No's' from both the city and the state, we persevered, and with both the city and the state of Kansas' blessing we painted a large mural in downtown Emporia, KS in September of 2021. What a project! Well worth the effort to be able to bring more art to our beautiful city.

In 2022, we have designed and completed two more large scale murals and several smaller murals. We also have three more large scale murals being considered (as of August 1, 2022)

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In September 2022 we organized and completed a community Color-by-numbers mural on the three front walls of Earthly Delights in Emporia, Kansas. We had approximately 300 people from the community and worldwide including visitors in town for the disc golf world championships and over 30 foreign exchange students that are going to ESU.

In June of 2022, we joined the Community Arts Committee not only to lift up other artists in our community but to organize more art festivals, live music, sculpture and large scale art installation in our town and to enhance the experience of life for people who live in our community and the people who come from all over to visit. As of November 2022, we as a group have overseen and completed 3 projects and have many others on the books for 2024.