

David R. Becker Bio

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Since 1979, David has spent all of his artistic life and career in the city of Chicago. Becker studied at American Academy of Art in Chicago, and is the reason that a large majority of his subject matter comes from his life here in the city that he loves so much. After studying at The American Academy of Art in Chicago, Becker went into illustrating for a major advertising agency J. Walter Thompson and later for Foote Cone and Belding. He also started teaching around the country, right out of school, but always found time for his favorite ambition, creating fine art paintings. David is the author of *Watercolor Composition Made Easy*, and *How to Sketch with Watercolor*. He has had two different articles published in *International Artist Magazine* and in *Watercolor Magic*. Has reached signature status to the *Transparent Watercolor Society of America*, and has won numerous awards for his work from watercolor societies around the country.

Becker's works in many mediums, including watercolors, oils and acrylics, he is mostly recognized for his watercolor scenes of Chicago. You can find many of his works hanging in homes and businesses throughout Chicago. David's favorite painting was commissioned by Starbucks to do a scene for their Macy's Starbucks store that was to include a scene looking out of that store's window, onto Wabash, that included the "L" platform. This painting can be seen at the Northeast corner of the Macy's Starbucks store on Randolph and Wabash, and at the same time have a great cup of coffee while viewing this Becker original.