



# KEVIN RUTTER

ARTIST / CREATOR

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- “If you can dream it, you can do it” - Walt Disney
- “Aspire to make a difference” - Denzel Washington
- The answer to when is now!

## SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

### Diverse Artistic Skills

- Undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education artistic courses
- Projects that consistently exceeded requirements
- Strong attention to detail with an emphasis on realism
- Capable of working with multiple mediums
- Recognized and awarded for exceptional skills and talent

### Computer Skills

- Digital first approach utilizing 3D and CAD software to design scenery, architecture, rides, and optimal park layout
- Analysis and research for financial and quality assurance
- Concept development from design and modeling to reality
- Photoshop, Illustrator, Web Design, Presentations, Video production

### Cultural Awareness

- Born and lived in England with dual citizenship
- Lived in Japan and speak Japanese
- Exposed to diverse places and people through military life
- Over 40 years of exposure to Disney culture including Tokyo Disneyland

### Business Related Skills

- Networking skills to gather resources and support for projects
- Looks beyond perceived limitations to achieve the impossible
- Able to lead, collaborate, and work independently
- Capable of thinking outside the box to solve difficult challenges
- Inspires audiences through compelling storytelling and motivational trainings
- Over 30 years of experience as a successful entrepreneur

### People Skills

- Compassionate and courageous
- Instruction in Leadership and team building skills
- Specialized training to provide professional coaching and supervision
- Masters level training in Cybernetics: the science of how living or mechanical systems communicate and operate
- Highly successful at helping people overcome challenges and realize their potential

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*The world  
you imagine  
inspires  
the world  
you create!*

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

**2018-2019**

### **Catawba Valley Community College**

- Adobe Illustrator
- Photography
- Pottery on the Wheel I and II

**1996-1999**

### **East Carolina University**

- Master's Degree in Marriage & Family Therapy

**Summer 1993**

### **University of North Carolina Charlotte**

- Completed graduate level art classes

**1988-1996**

### **Brigham Young University**

- Bachelor's Degree in Family Science
- Minor in Asian studies with an emphasis in Japanese
- Completed classes in computer science (original major)
- Completed classes in art including watercolor

\* Completed art & drafting classes throughout middle school and high school

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

**2017-Current**

### **Spark of Imagination | Creative and Artistic Design**

At Spark of Imagination I have adopted Walt Disney's concept of "plussing it" to provide the very best. I do custom work with high attention to detail taking innovation to the next level.

- Print and multi-media marketing, web design, 3D modeling, and more

**2009-Current**

### **Growing Tree Counseling Center, PLLC | Conover, NC**

I founded Growing Tree Counseling Center with the goal to build a healthy environment for clinicians and employees in order to better serve patients.

- Clinical Supervisor for licensure and professional development
- Professional Coaching for corporations, community organizations, and individuals
- Earned top rated business locally and top 98% statewide in 2019

**2001-2008**

### **Kevin Rutter, Inc. | Florence KY**

I combined my experience as an entrepreneur with my education as a counselor to create my own clinical practice. I managed every aspect of a business including accounting, advertising, project development, and hiring.

- Professional supervision, coaching, and counseling services
- Presented on Cincinnati Radio and in a local magazine

**2001-2002**

### **St. Elizabeth Employee Assistance Program | Edgewood, KY**

I provided EAP counseling services in a highly structured hospital setting

- Provided coaching and counseling services
- Led professional development & leadership trainings for large corporations

**1999-2001**

## **WORKING EXPERIENCE (Cont.)**

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky** | Covington KY

As a Training Coordinator I helped increased productivity and professional development of team members.

- Invented relationship building games and trainings to teach clients and clinicians how to come together
- Taught foster kids creative and business skills

**1997-1998**

**Student Professor at East Carolina University** | Greenville, NC

- Taught college classes to help students learn and develop better skills

**1997-1998**

**Teaching English as a Second Language** | Greenville, NC

- Founded to help Japanese families in my community

**1996-1999**

**Web Designer** | Winterville, NC

- Expanded technical skills by learning to create and maintain websites

**1996-1997**

**ECU International Relations Interpreter** | Greenville, NC

- Translated documents and provided Japanese interpretation for ECU

**1995**

**BYU Bookstore** | Provo, UT

- Undercover Security for the largest college bookstore in the USA
- Computer Department Consultant/Sales for both PC and Macintosh

**1987-1994**

**Gutter Shield (Leave's Out)** | Hendersonville, NC

- Developed, manufactured, and installed custom gutter toppers

**1986-1987**

**Chimney Sweep & Lightning Protection** | Hendersonville, NC

- Experience working on roof tops and learning skills for running a business

**1982-1984**

**Yokota A.F.B. Paper Route** | Fussa, Japan

- Like Walt Disney my story begins with a simple paper route!

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**2001-Current**

Public Speaking at Community Colleges, Churches, Youth Conferences, etc.

**2018**

South Caldwell High School - Robotics mentor for FIRST Robotics competition

**2009-2013**

CVACT Professional Organization - web master & accountant

**2004-2008**

Facilitator for Mankind Project intensive Warrior Weekend Adventure

**2003-2004**

KAMFT Public Relations Chair Person

**2001**

Cincinnati Zoo Reptile House - helped construct Chinese alligator exhibit

**1997-1999**

Varsity Scout Coach and Eagle Scout Board of review committee member

**1993**

GED Teacher - taught math, English, and writing skills

**1989-1991**

Taught English as a second language (ESL) in Sapporo, Japan

## **LICENSE & CERTIFICATIONS**

Licensed Behavioral Health Professional  
Certified Professional Coach  
Nationally Approved Supervisor  
Certified Target Case Manager  
Mankind Project New Warrior  
Landmark Education Graduate

## **CREATIVE ADVANCEMENTS**

- Diagon alley - CAD and 3D printed, hand crafted, with animated lighting
- Shuffleboard Table - hand crafted 9' table featured in Wood Magazine®
- Upright Electric Bass - invented & built a bass that disassembles for transport
- Raptor costume - engineered working jaw mechanism & sound effects
- Pinewood Derby - developed a kit system kids can do themselves for modeling any car imaginable within BSA requirements
- Model Building - learned advanced skills in weathering, customization, and detailing 3D models, including a highly detailed 40' HO railroad!
- Mechanics - refurbishing and customizing cars, golf carts, and lawn mowers, includes design, vinyl, painting, electrical, and mechanical systems
- Wood working - design and create furniture, built-ins, and interior construction
- Pottery - sculpting & turning; several pieces were displayed in a local museum
- Video production and photography - by combining skill in technical and emotional understanding I create productions that captivate the mind and heart
- Light Shows - built an outdoor animated lighting system synchronized to music

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## **AWARDS**

Eagle Scout  
Top Rated Business Locally & 98% statewide  
Counselor of the Year Award - Pitt County  
Top Creative Art Awards

## **ADDITIONAL HOBBIES**

Magic  
Latin, swing, and ballroom dance  
Aquariums and exotic pets  
High adventure (repelling, zip lining, hang gliding, sky diving...)  
RC cars, drones, and airplanes

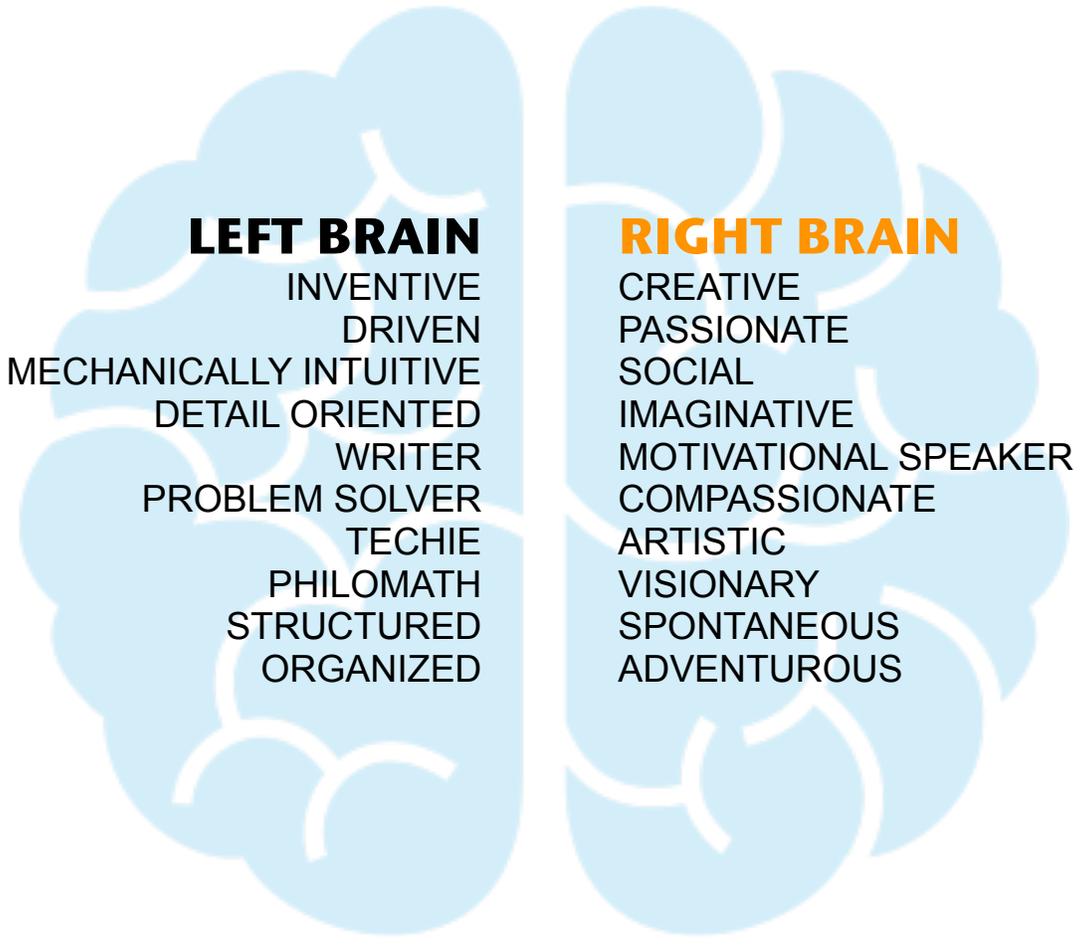
**“Success is  
20% skill  
and 80%  
psychology.”**

**Tony Robbins  
Life Coach**

**“That’s what  
runs this  
thing -  
emotions.”**

**Joe Rohde  
Imagineer**

A “Whole Brain” oriented person unites both sides of their brain to bridge the benefits of mechanical processing with creativity. With my background as a counselor I have a keen understanding of how emotions work. Not only can I explain how to develop stories and attractions that create emotion, with my technical and creative background I can make them come to life!



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*"I can confidently say he is a brilliant creative resource that would easily fit within the Disney team of imagineers and would add incredible value to any project."*

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*"Kevin is a hands-down creative genius, and I don't use that term lightly. To see the work he does and his creative curiosity is inspiring to me! He's also a super honest, humble guy, and I'm proud to call him a good friend! You have to see this guy's work!"*

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*"Kevin is very impressive and talented as you will see from his resume and portfolio. He would be a valuable addition to Disney Imagineering or to any group that has creative needs. Without talent progress is impossible. I keep my eye out for excellent talent and Kevin fits that bill."*

**- Lee Cockerell**

former Executive Vice President at  
Walt Disney World Resort