



Winterbauer Arts

New Portfolio

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Artist Mike Winterbauer

This portfolio is my newest work of drawings and paintings all done from 2020 to 2026. All work was created with traditional drawing and painting.

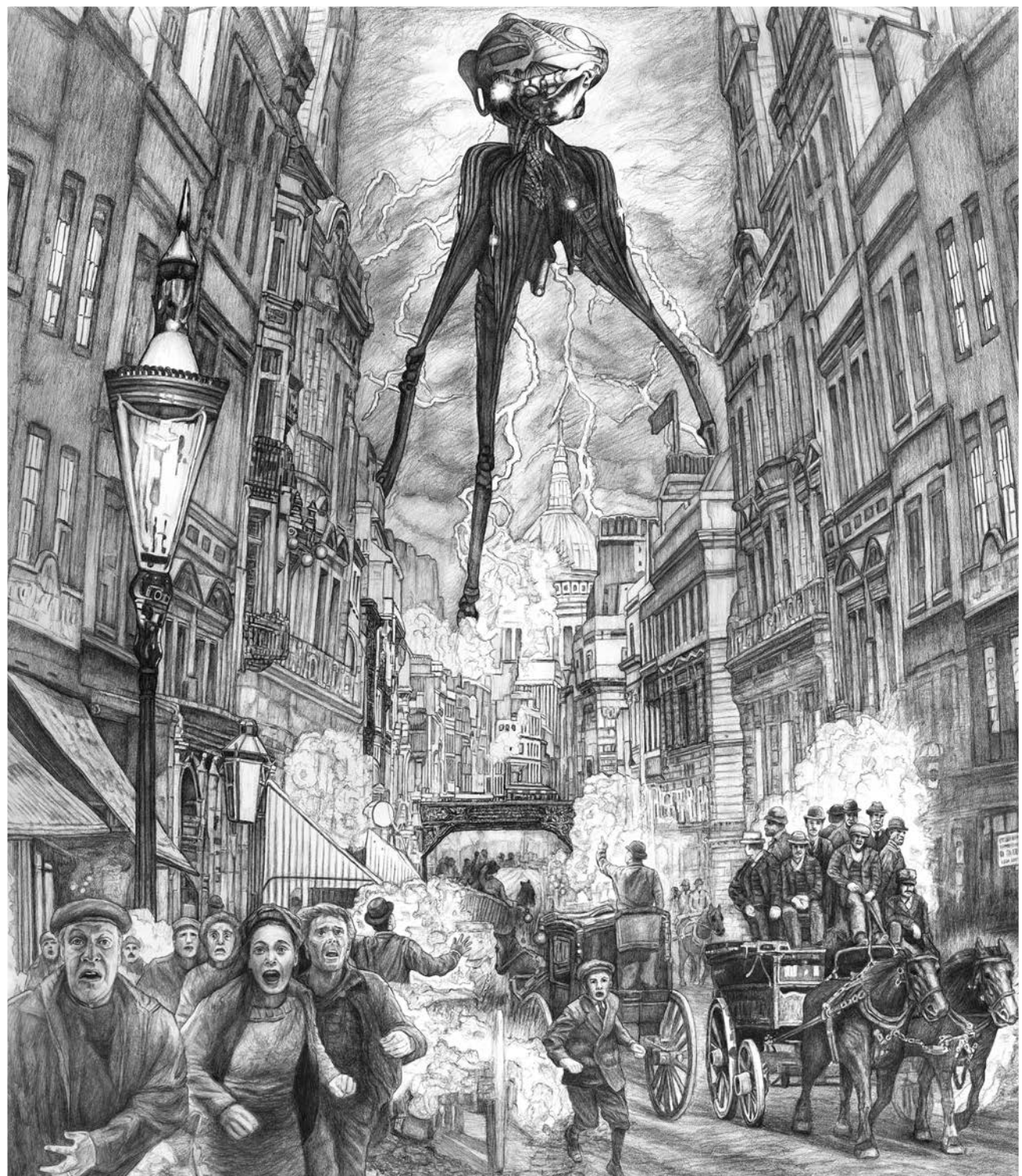
The work captures the pop culture I grew up with and enjoy now.

In the 1980's and 90s I was a box artist during the Golden Age of Computer Gaming. This was before the Digital Age and there was no Internet.

The games I painted cover art for were made with exciting new 8-bit and 16-bit technology. I was commissioned by these new game companies to create fantastic, engaging paintings to sell and promote their games.

I have never stopped drawing and painting as these traditional skills are surrendering to the Digital Age. I believe in the power of creativity. If you keep working on your art good things will happen.

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War of the Worlds 2024

This drawing depicts H. G. Wells classic War of the Worlds novel.
The Tripods are invading Victorian London and people
are fleeing, including myself in the lower left corner.



War of the Worlds 2024

This painting uses a limited palette of colors. I wanted to show the city London in warm fiery colors contrasted to the eerie sinister blue gray of the Tripod.



Drawing Process

This is the line drawing indicating all the shapes that need to be drawn with pencils.

I wanted this drawing to be highly detailed and an accurate depiction of the time period. The drawing took over a month to complete. The process is slow and has taught me patience.



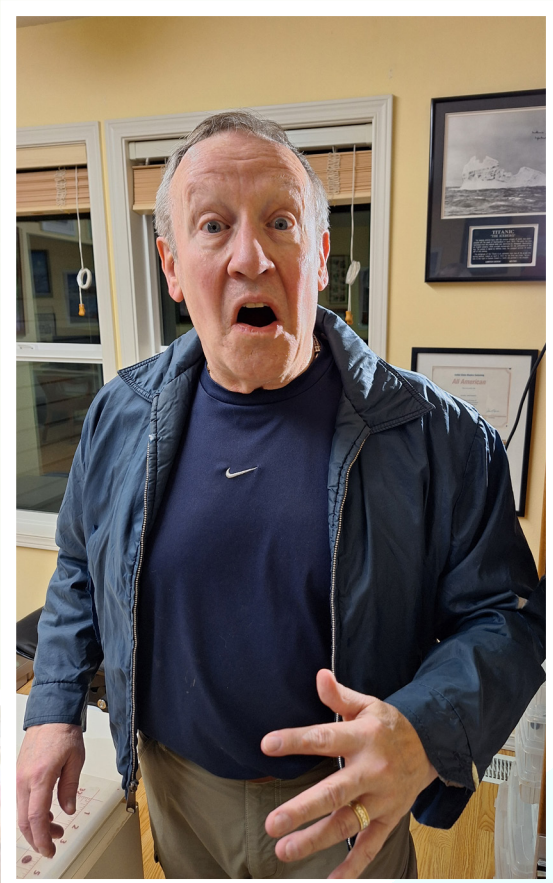
War of the Worlds 2024

My drawing is true to H. G. Wells original story published 1898. The Tripods are attacking London and the scene is chaotic and claustrophobic. The scene feels like a fish bowl as the walls of the city lean inward at the top.

Painting Process

Once the drawing is completed I make a copy on high quality paper and mount it to heavy weight board. I can now paint in layers with acrylic paints. I like to build up layers working transparently so I do not lose the drawing underneath. By painting on a copy I never lose the original drawing which may be valuable latter on.

I modeled for several of the figures, that is me in the lower left hand corner. Also the two characters from the back with the bowler hat on. It's always fun to pose for my paintings and have for many years.





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Godzilla 2025

This painting depicts the original 1954 Godzilla retreating to Tokyo Bay after attacking Tokyo at night. Sabre F-86F jets are hopelessly trying to stop Godzilla as a lone soldier throws a grenade.

Models

Shown left is a beautiful print of my Ultimate Godzilla painting. There is magic in a large awesome print of the art. The large print shows the detail and high level of craftsmanship that went into the painting.

The models are the 1954 original Godzilla, Sabre F-86F jet and a miniature toy soldier.



Photoshop Comp

Shown right is the Photoshop comp I made from taking pictures of the models.

It was a lot of fun to set up the models with lights and create a fiery Classic 1954 Godzilla scene to draw and paint from.



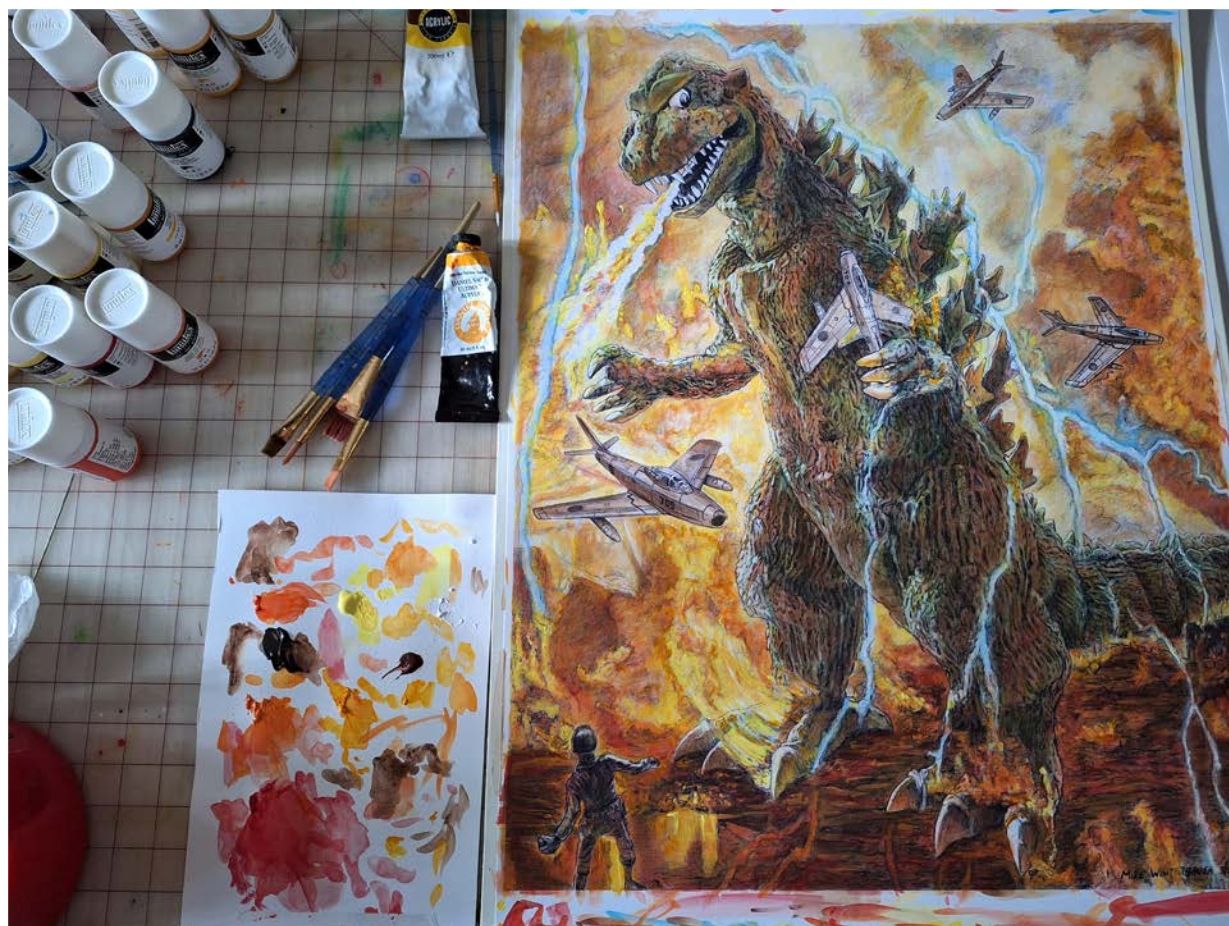
Drawing and Painting

It was challenging to draw Godzilla poster size. I was able to have great control over the drawing and added tremendous detail and shading because of the large format.

I enjoy working at larger sizes and have found it has opened eyes to many creative benefits.

Aside from the technical benefits larger art makes a profoundly stronger visual statement than smaller pictures.

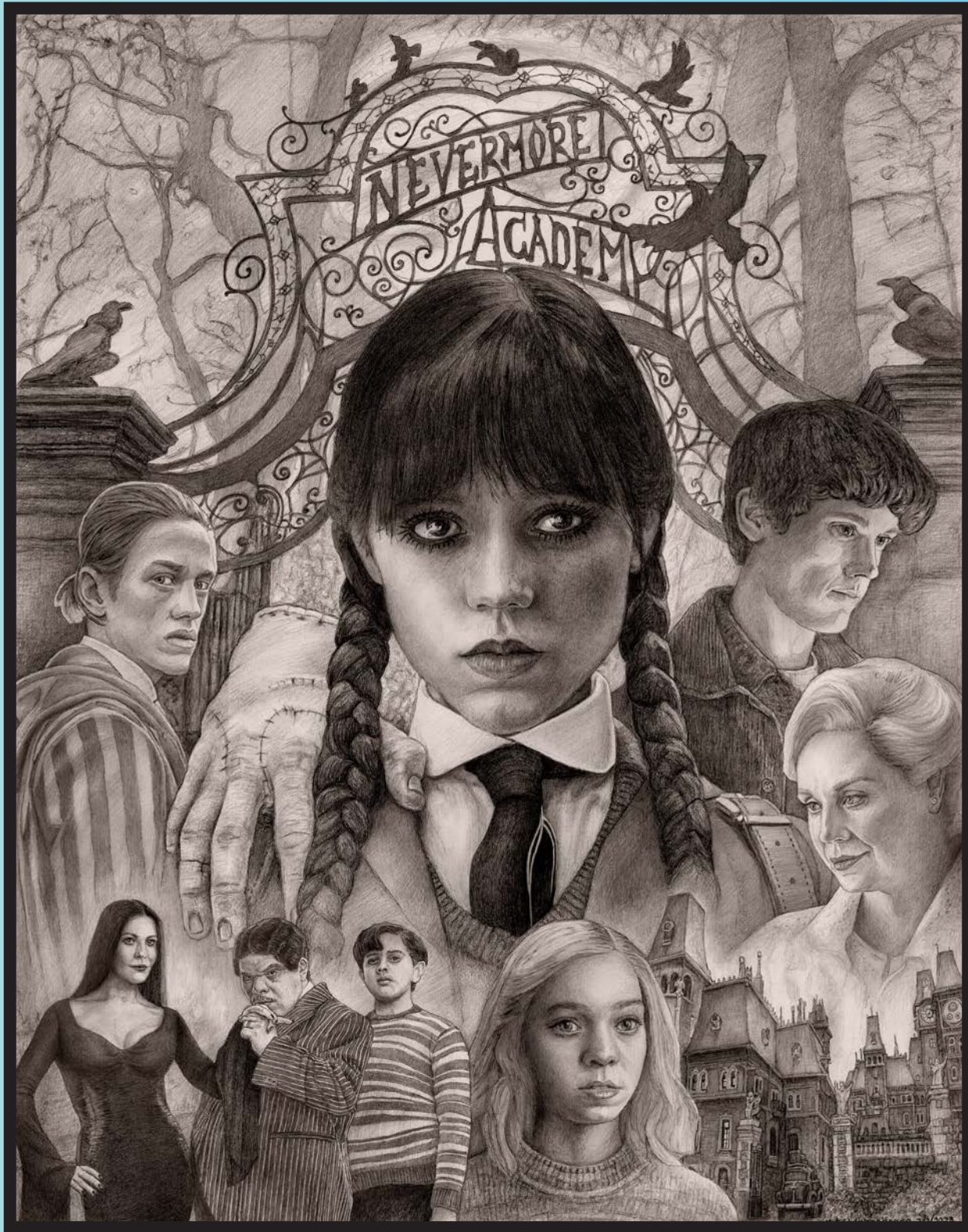
Using acrylic Liquitex paint in transparent layers I am able to build up color without losing the drawing. The paint process adds more form and volume to the drawing underneath.





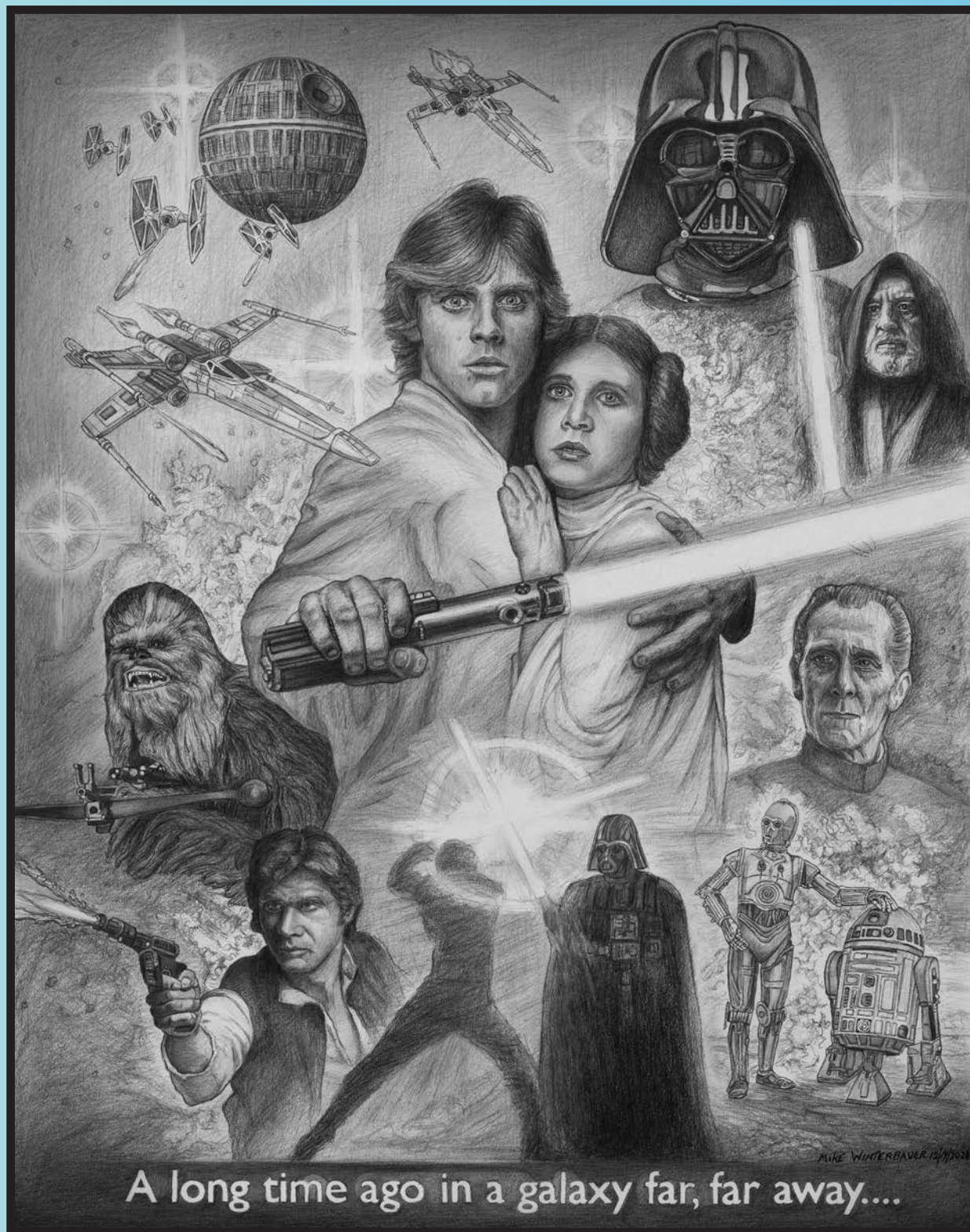


A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away....



Wednesday 2023

The Wednesday series on Netflix is perfect to draw and paint a cool mysterious painting.

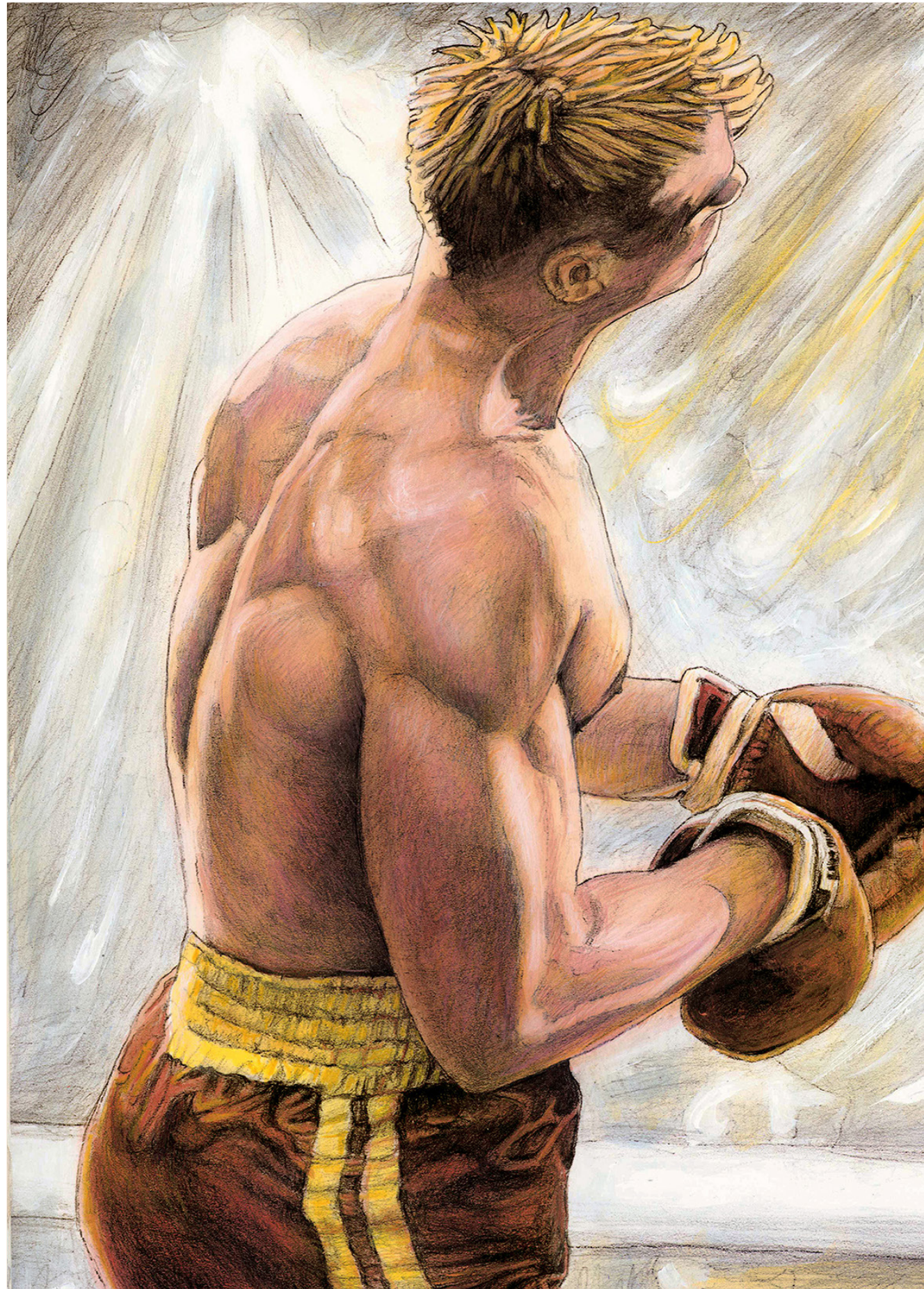


Star Wars 2022

My nostalgic drawing of the first Star Wars film 1977.
Loved Star Wars and all the exotic characters and wonderful sci-fi sets.

Rocky 2024

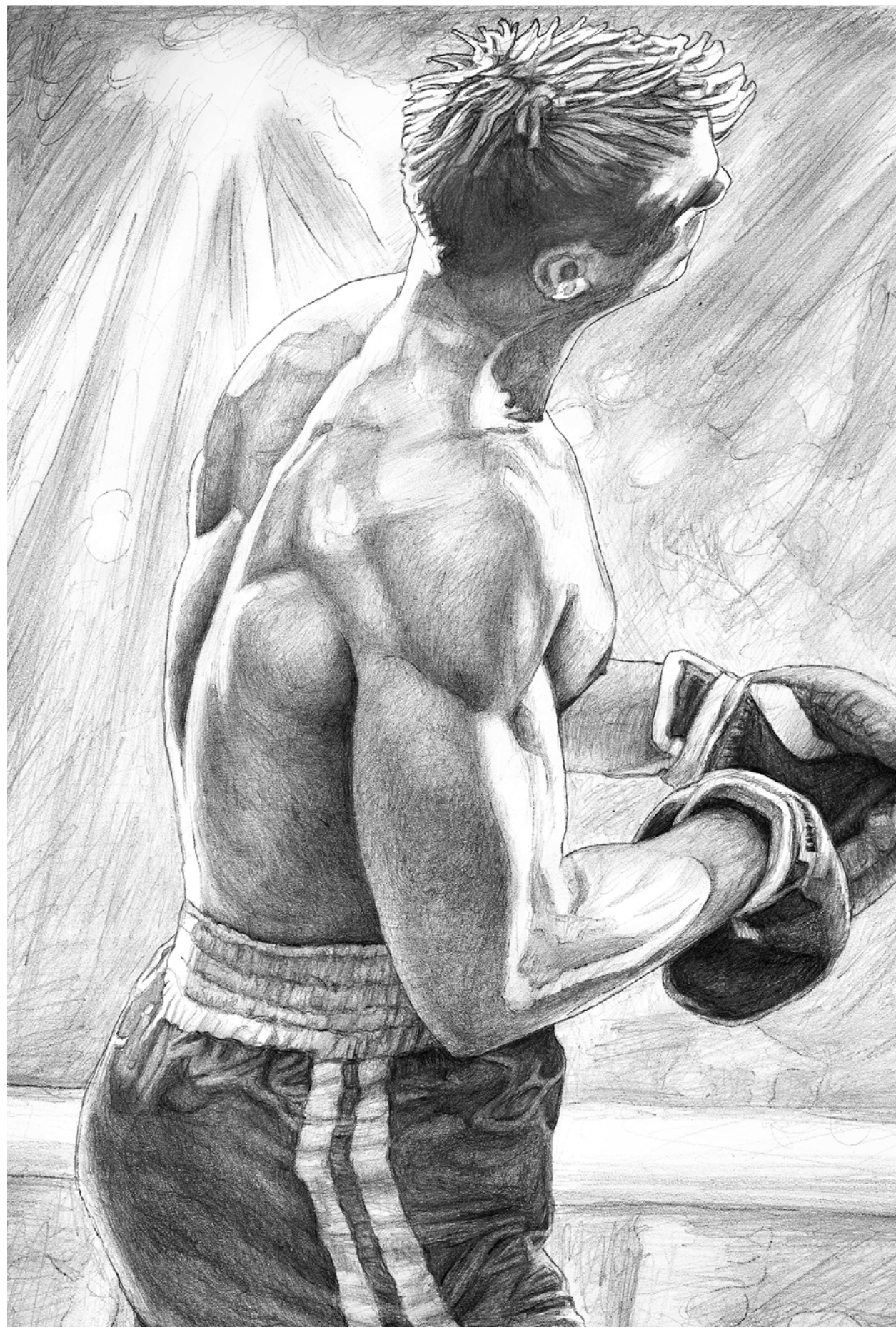
Amazing boxing match
between the towering Drago
and tireless driven Rocky.

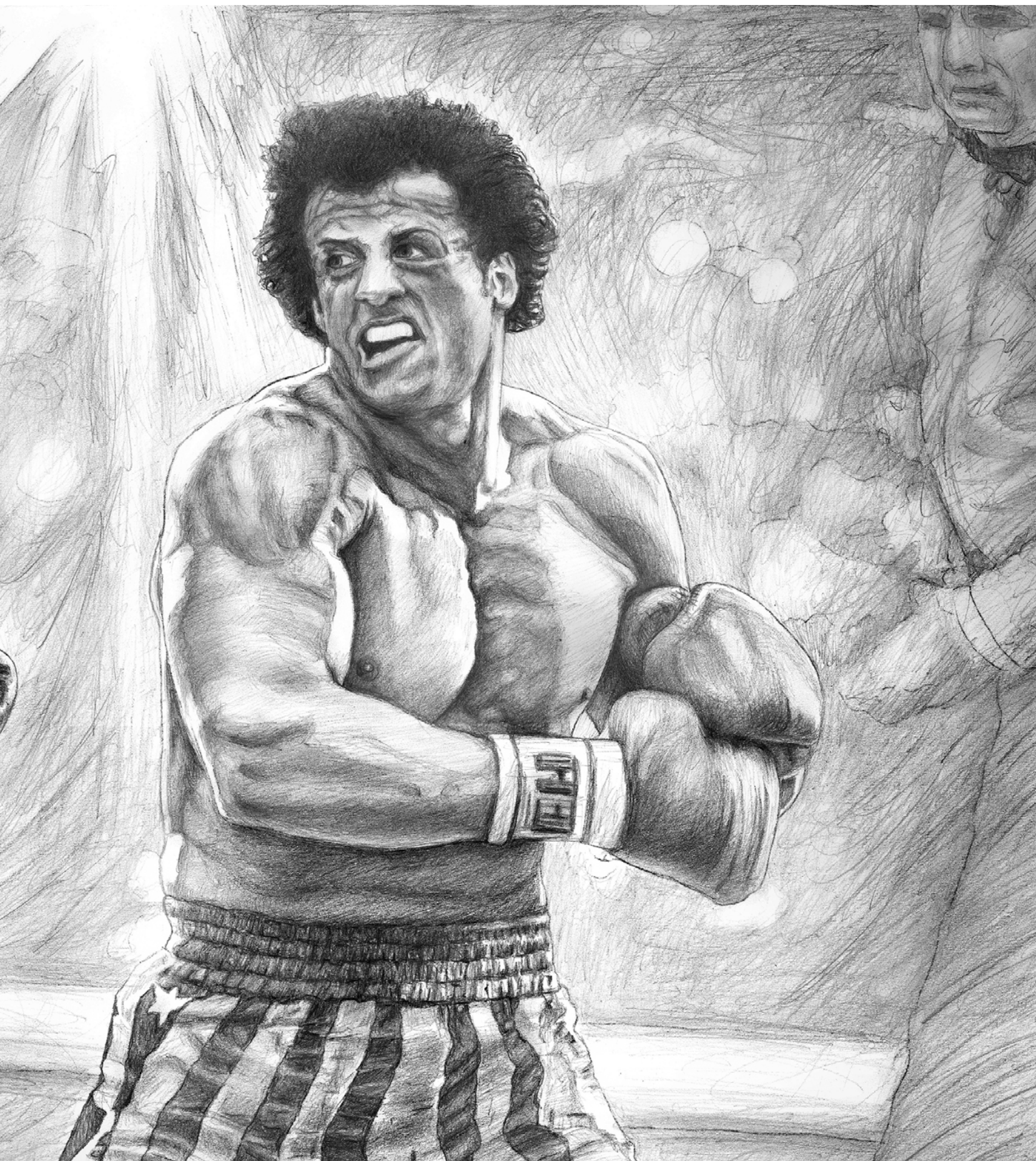




Rocky 2024

My drawing captures the energy and power of these two fearless boxers. I drew the background much looser to contrast with the tight rendering of the boxers.



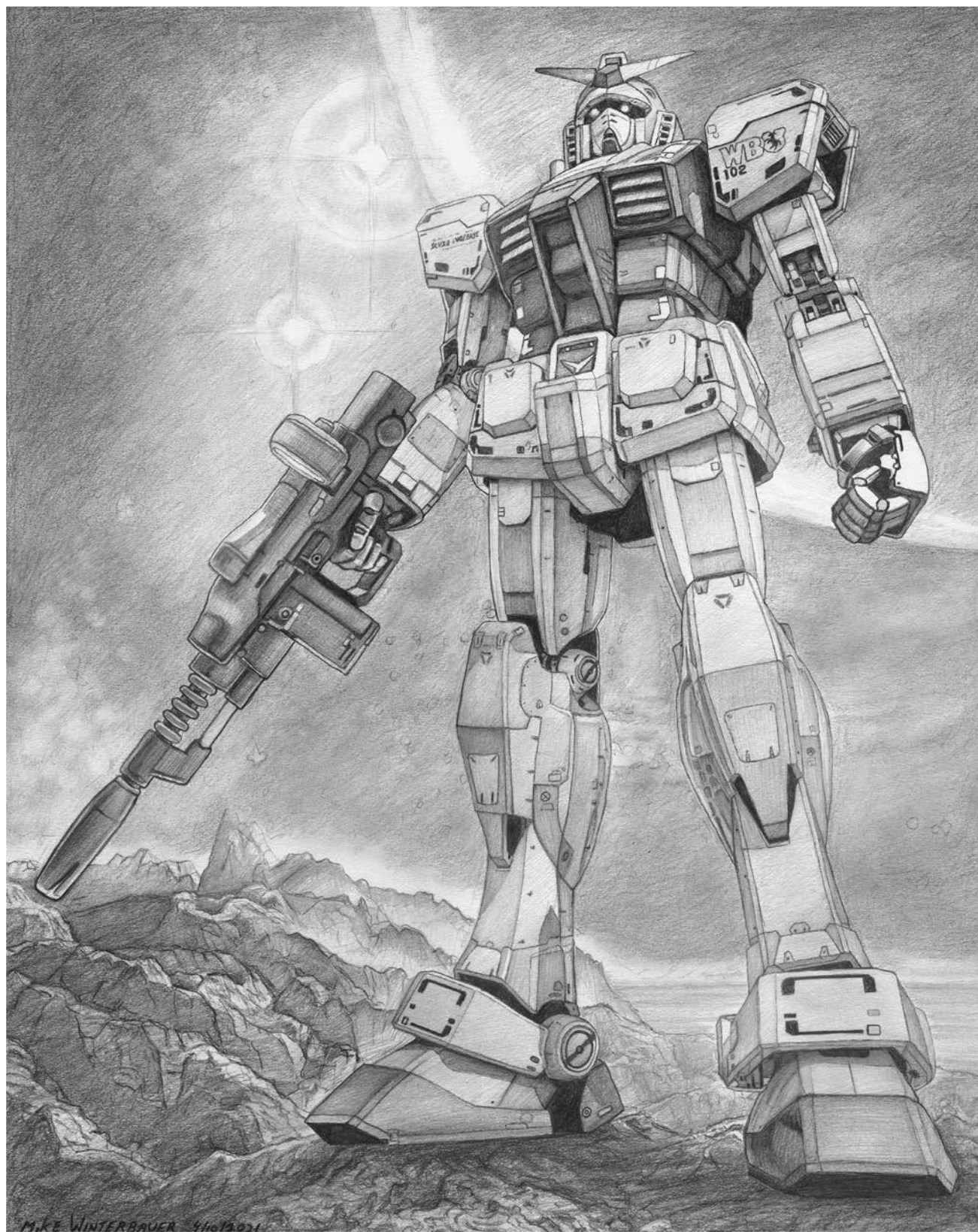




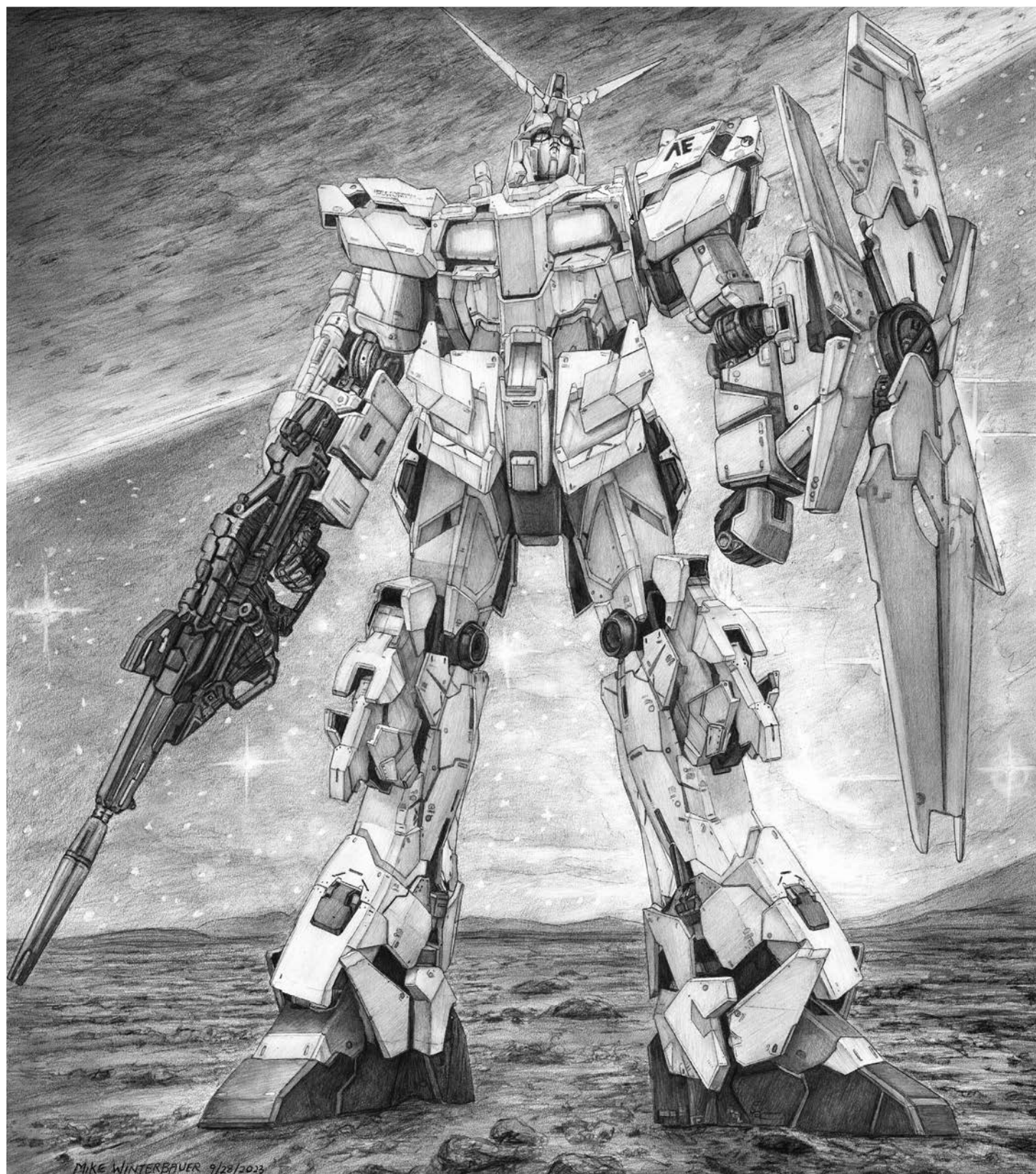
Rocky 2020

Such passion and drive in the Rocky movies. I am partial to the first two and felt inspired to do these paintings and drawings.

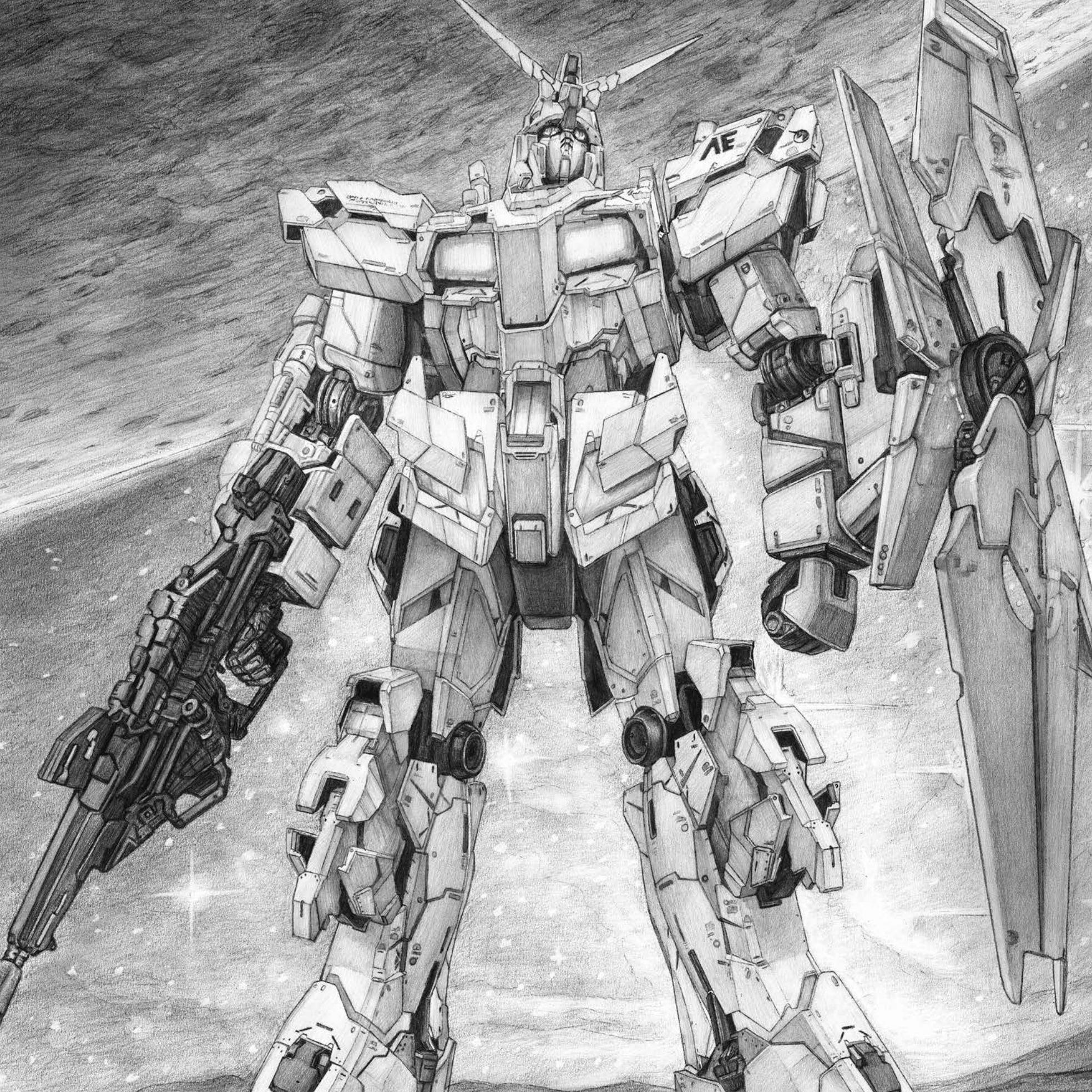




Gundam RX-78-2 drawing



Unicorn Gundam drawing







Gundam RX-78-2 2021

I like the confidence and power in the pose of RX-78-2.
Inspired by the lifesize model in DiverCity Tokyo Plaza.



Unicorn Gundam 2023

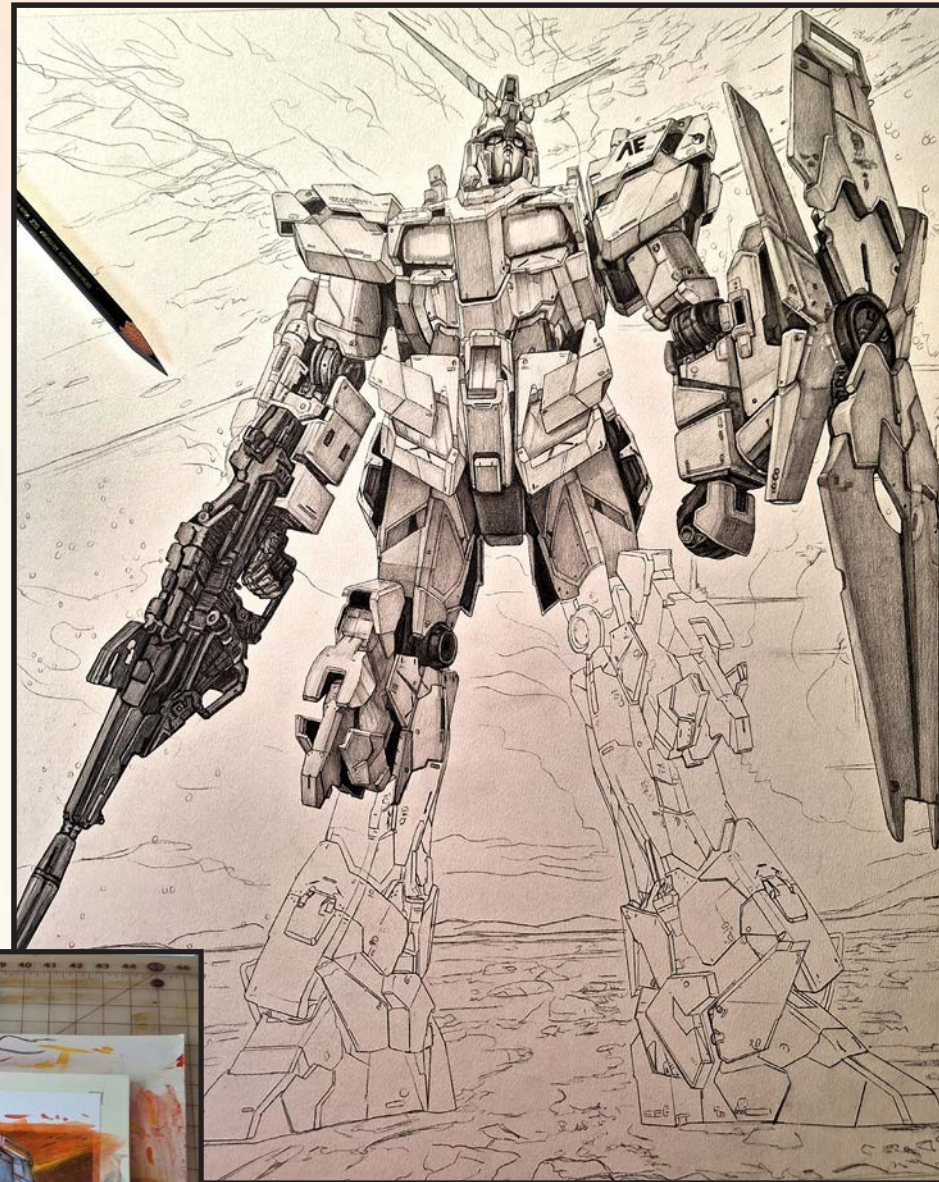
I drew much detail into this drawing to capture the elegance and complexity of Unicorn Gundam's Destroy Mode.

Drawing Process

I always start drawing the characters head first and work my way down. That way I know I will have a strong drawing if the head and shoulders are looking good. The background I usually will draw last once the character is nearing completion.

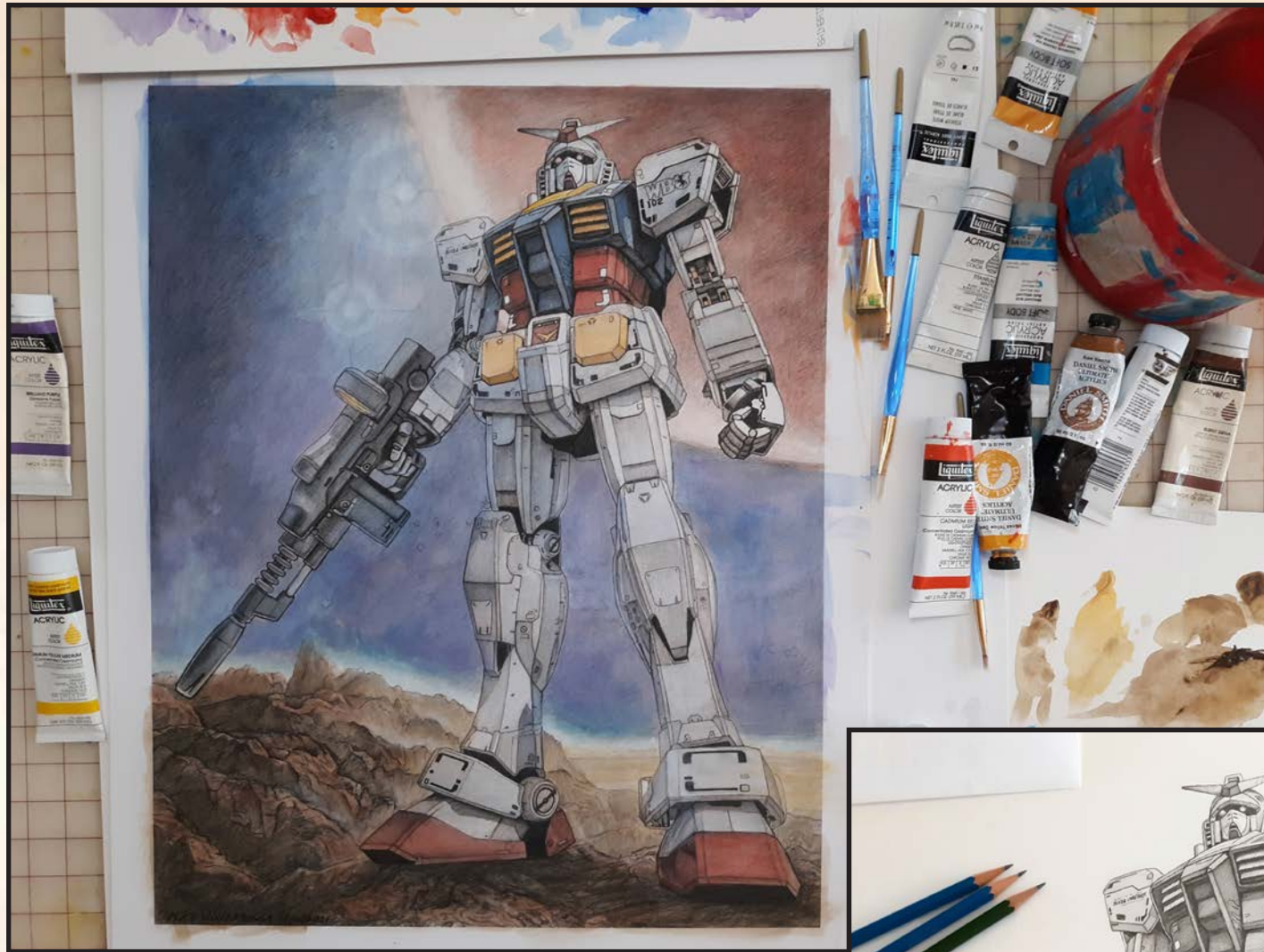
The Unicorn Gundam drawing is highly detailed and took weeks to complete. It's important to have a great drawing so the painting will enhance it and be strong.

Shown below is my workspace with lots of brushes and pieces of board I cut to use as palettes. The palettes are disposable and this a quick low maintenance way to work.



"If I can't draw it, I won't be able to paint it. It is critical that I have a spectacular drawing to paint."

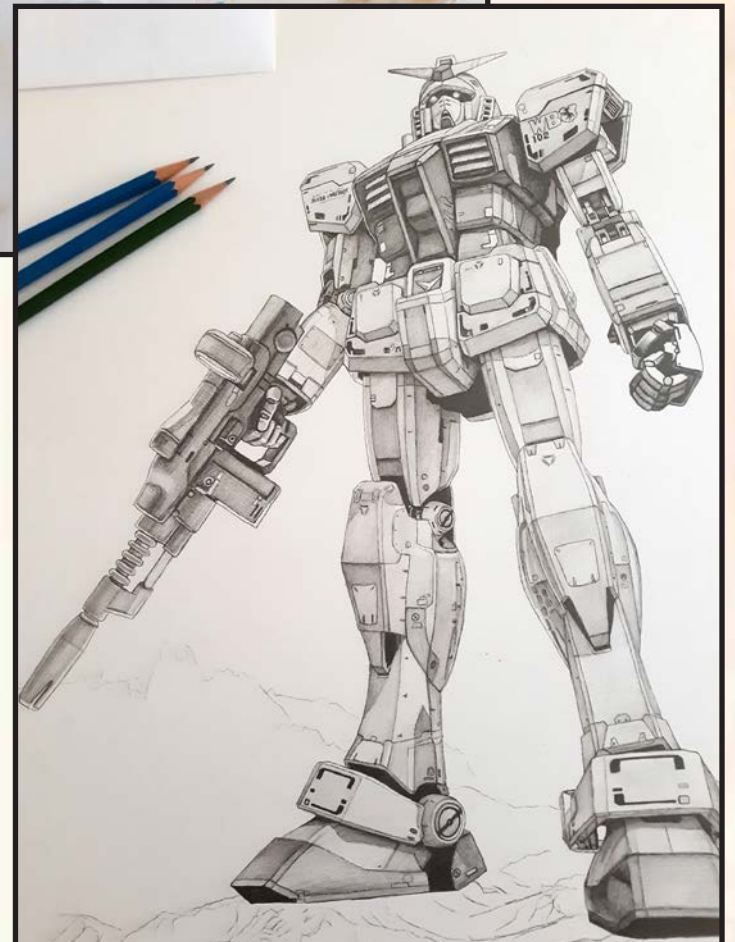




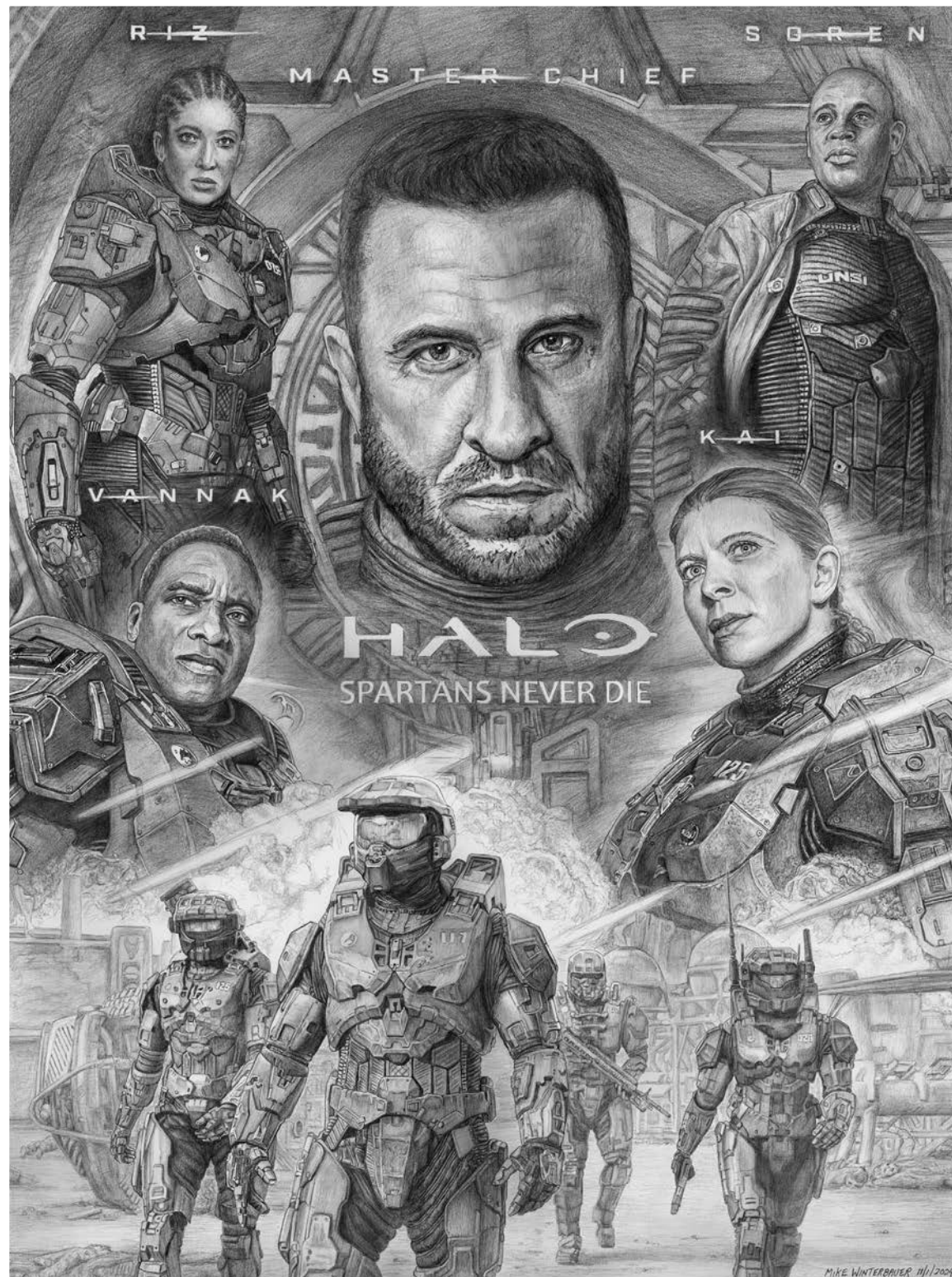
I like working with Liquitex acrylic paint. It can be layered like watercolor or used opaquely. The paint dries very quickly and has a tough durable surface that I can draw back into to add details and line work.

I draw with a full range of pencils to get lots of shading layers and detail. I use a powerful electric pencil sharpener so I can work quickly.

Having lots of pencils sharpened and ready to go I can rotate them quickly as soon as one becomes dull. This is a great way to work spending more time drawing than fussing with pencils.







Halo TV series 2025

I thought the Halo TV series was wonderful sci fi.
I really enjoyed drawing and painting the cool Silver team.



"The Halo drawing of the Silver Team is the best drawing I have done."

"I enjoyed the Halo TV series and put my heart and soul into the drawing and painting."

"To make great art you have to put the time in."





The design of this painting took several weeks to finalize. I wanted to come up with a cool design that supported the TV series but was fun to look at. I did all the comp work in Photoshop, it's a great tool to cut, paste and scale photos to create a design.

Halo TV series 2025

I spent a lot of time designing this poster. I wanted the Silver Team to support the enigmatic Master Chief with Kai shown slightly larger and closer to him.

I love the glory of poster art and took this project to a framed poster on my wall. Art looks so much better printed large and framed!





I like taking my paintings to a finished poster, beautifully framed and displayed. Framed poster art is interesting and engaging.

I remember as a kid how much I looked forward to seeing the new beautiful hand painted movie posters for new releases. I thought it would be wonderful to make that kind of art. Today I am enjoying making my own movie posters!!

"It is very satisfying to have your best art pieces framed large scale. It is motivating to see your best art, so you can create more cool art"





"It is a long creative process to make framed poster art. Starting with a concept and meticulously drawing it large scale and painting it large scale. Then creating printable digital files is an artform in itself. Lastly sending your file to be printed and framed."



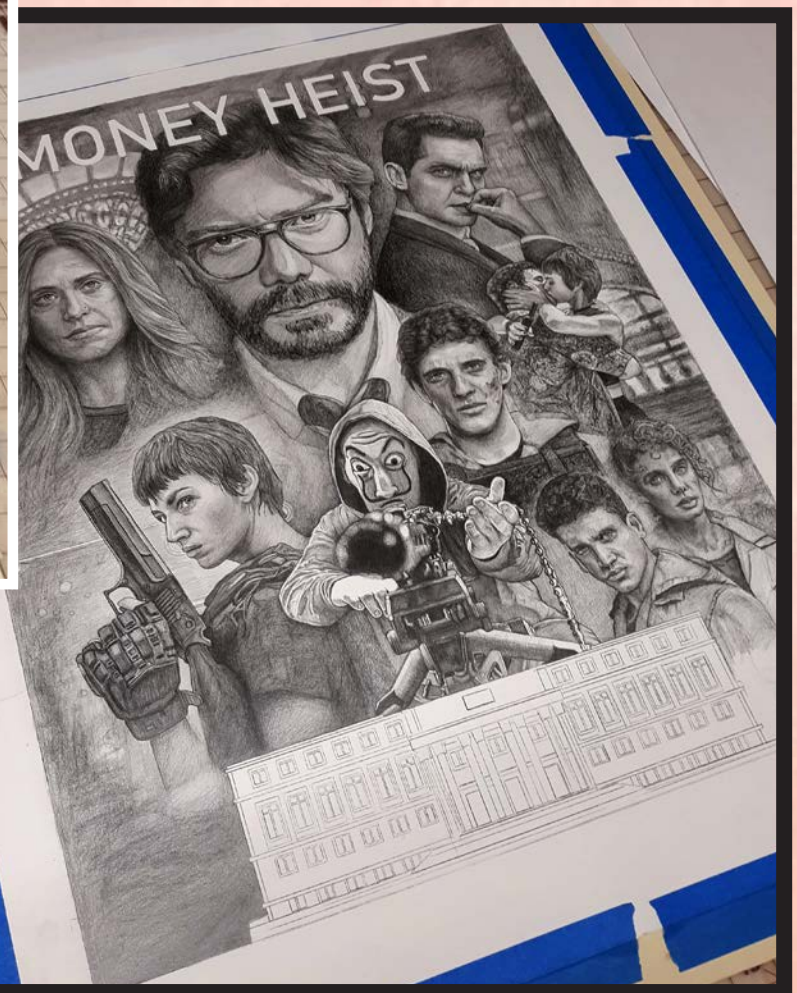
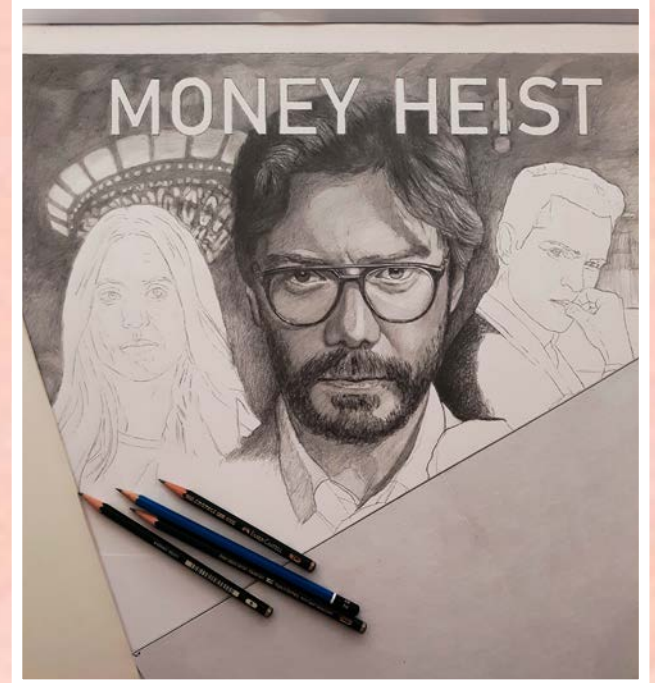
Money Heist, I liked the clever plot and crazy characters in this Netflix series. The characters are continuously drawn to each other and the adrenaline of the heist.

Stranger Things, I enjoyed this interesting fun series on Netflix. The show is very retro and has many references to the 1980s.

Money Heist TV series 2023



Stranger Things TV series 2023



"Money Heist I started drawing in large format. This enabled me to add more figures and draw them in greater detail."



Money Heist pencil drawing 2022





Stranger Things pencil drawing 2022



All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain.



Aliens 2021

My favorite scene when Ripley protects Newt from the Alien creature.







Xeen's Back 2022

This is a redraw of my Xeen character from the Clouds of Xeen box art I painted in 1992. I always liked Xeen's sardonic smile and wicked confidence.







Power Blade 2022

I had a lot of fun repainting Power Blade in 2022, referencing photos from the original 1991 photo shoot.



Nova stays fit in his 60's

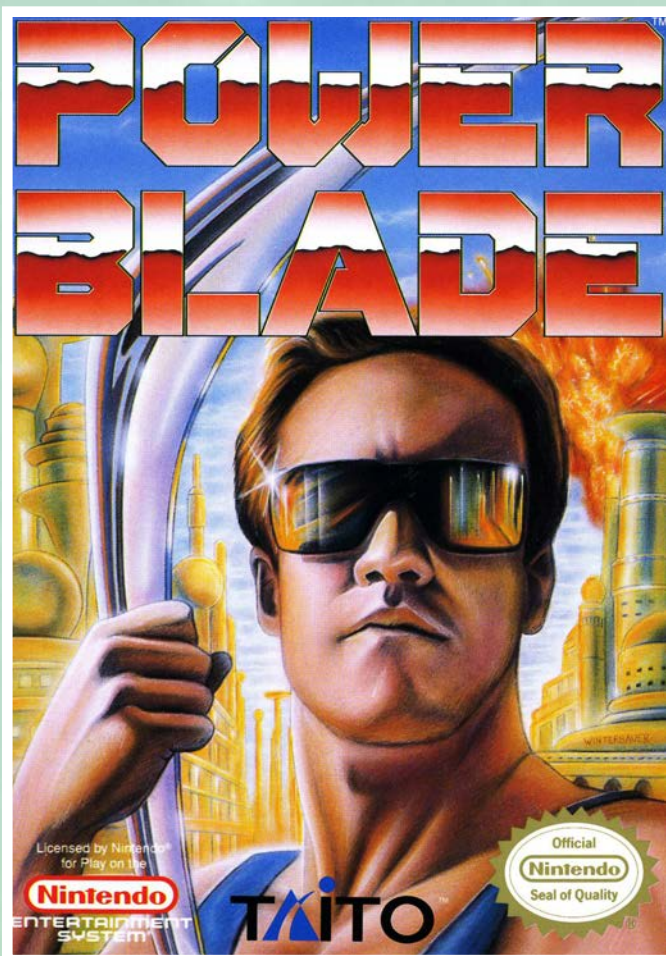


Painting Power Blade 2020

Power Blade

My original Power Blade painting was done in 1991. I have repainted Power Blade twice, once for a KickStarter project in 2020 where I recreated the 1991 cover painting exactly. This is shown above where I am painting with the cool sunglasses on and to the right working with air brush on the painting.

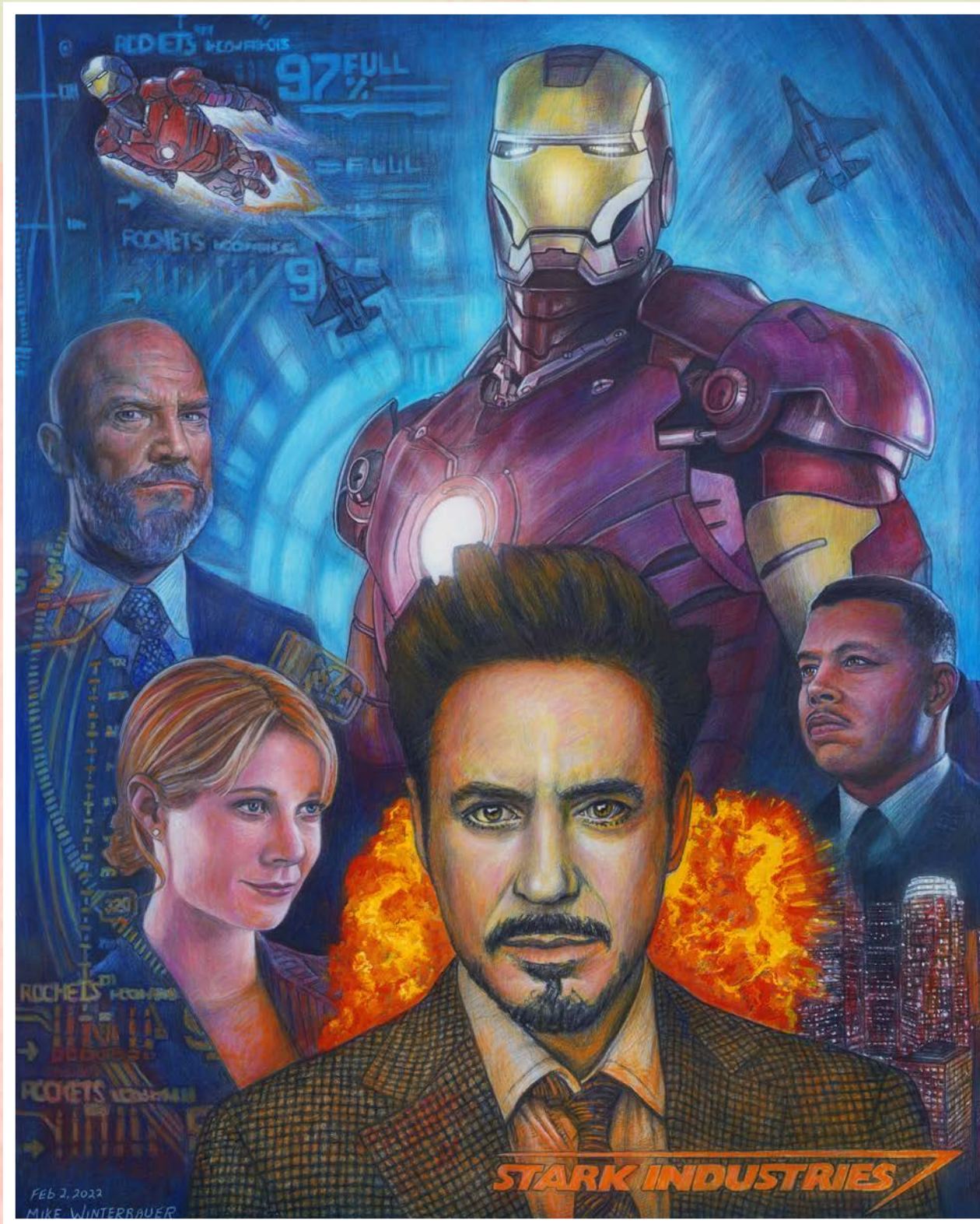
I repainted Power Blade again in 2022! I used another photo from the original photo shoot 1991. This was a lot of fun and I enjoyed recreating the painting differently from the 1991 original.



Power Blade photo shoot 1991

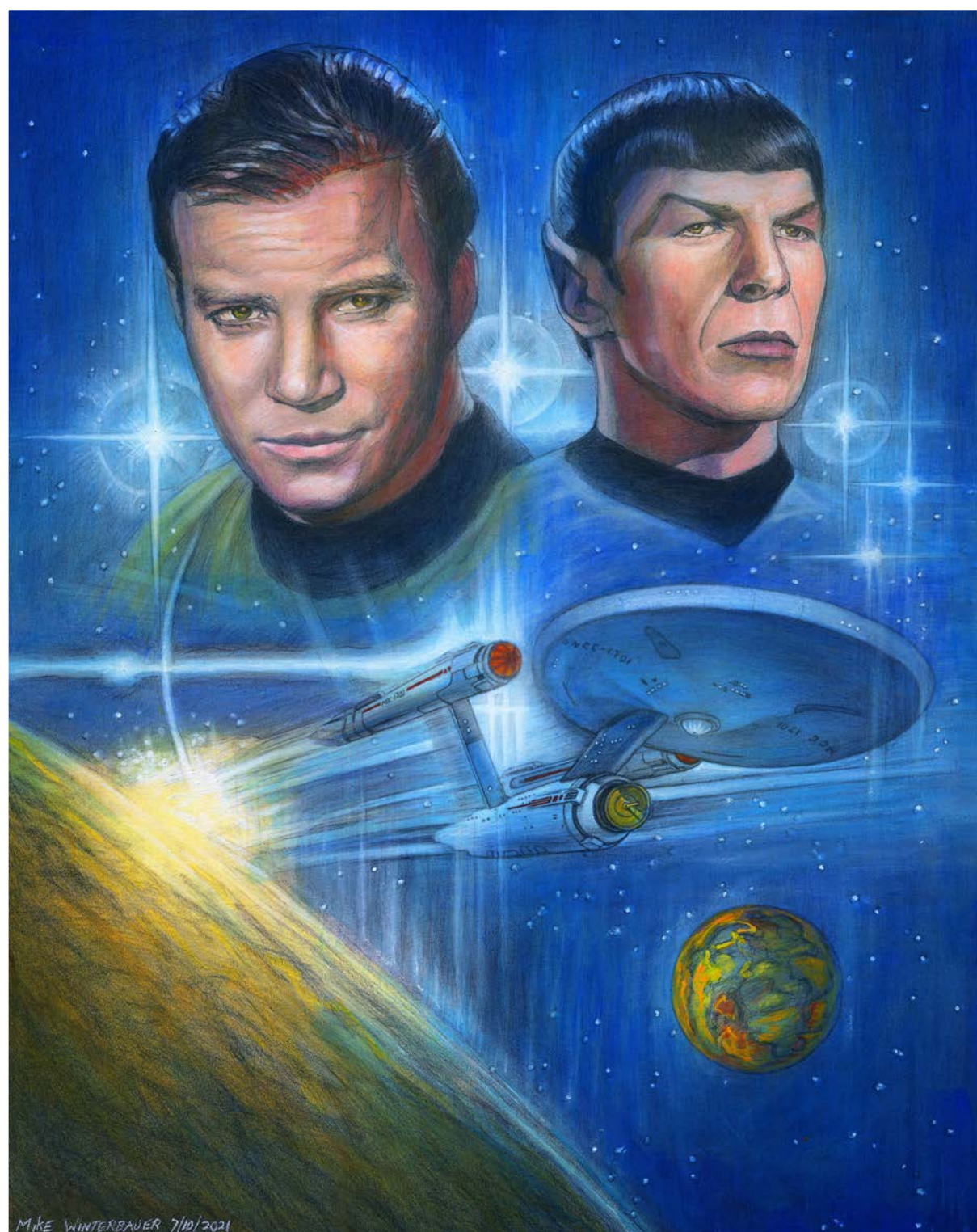
Power Blade large print 2022





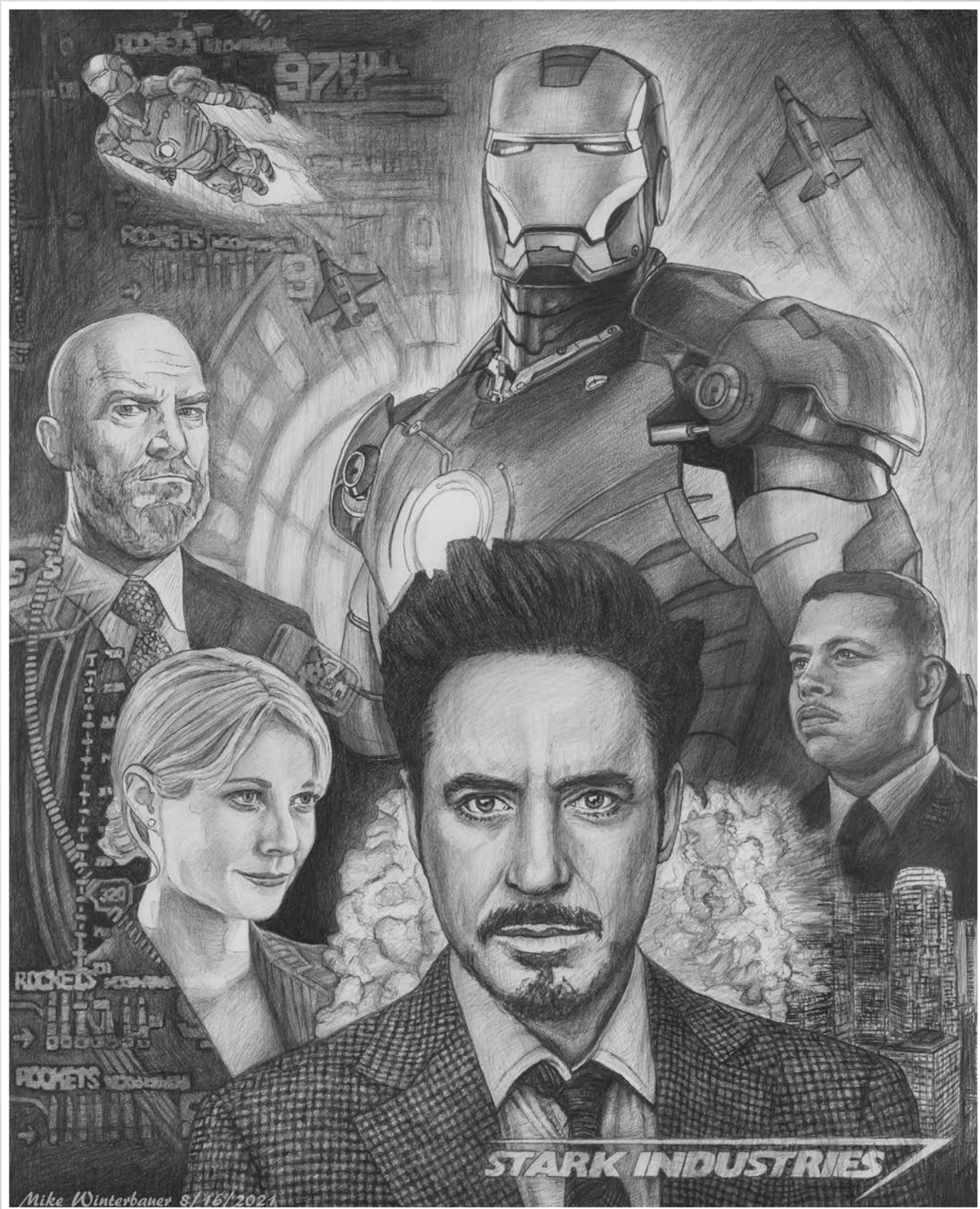
Iron Man 2022

The enigmatic Tony Stark is the center of my cool Iron Man painting. I liked Tony Stark's bravado and confidence.



Star Trek 2021

This painting shows the classic Star Trek series I enjoyed growing up. The friendship between Captain Kirk and Spock is interesting and sentimental.



Iron Man pencil drawing 2021





Classic Godzilla 2023

I enjoyed the original Godzilla 1954 film and wanted to paint this since I was a kid. Lots of apocalyptic fire and action!

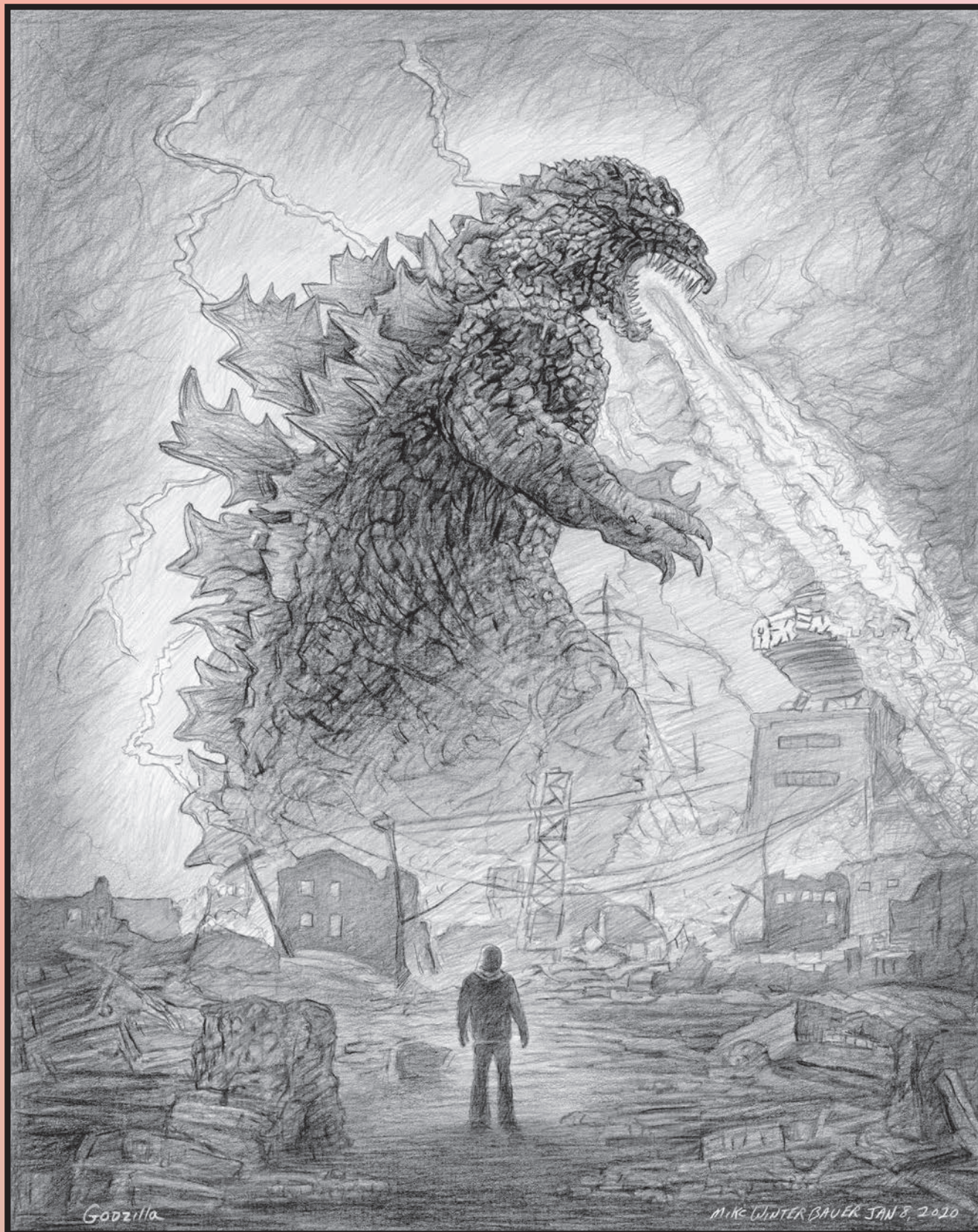


Classic Godzilla 2021

I like how a lone survivor stares in awe at the power and beauty of Godzilla.

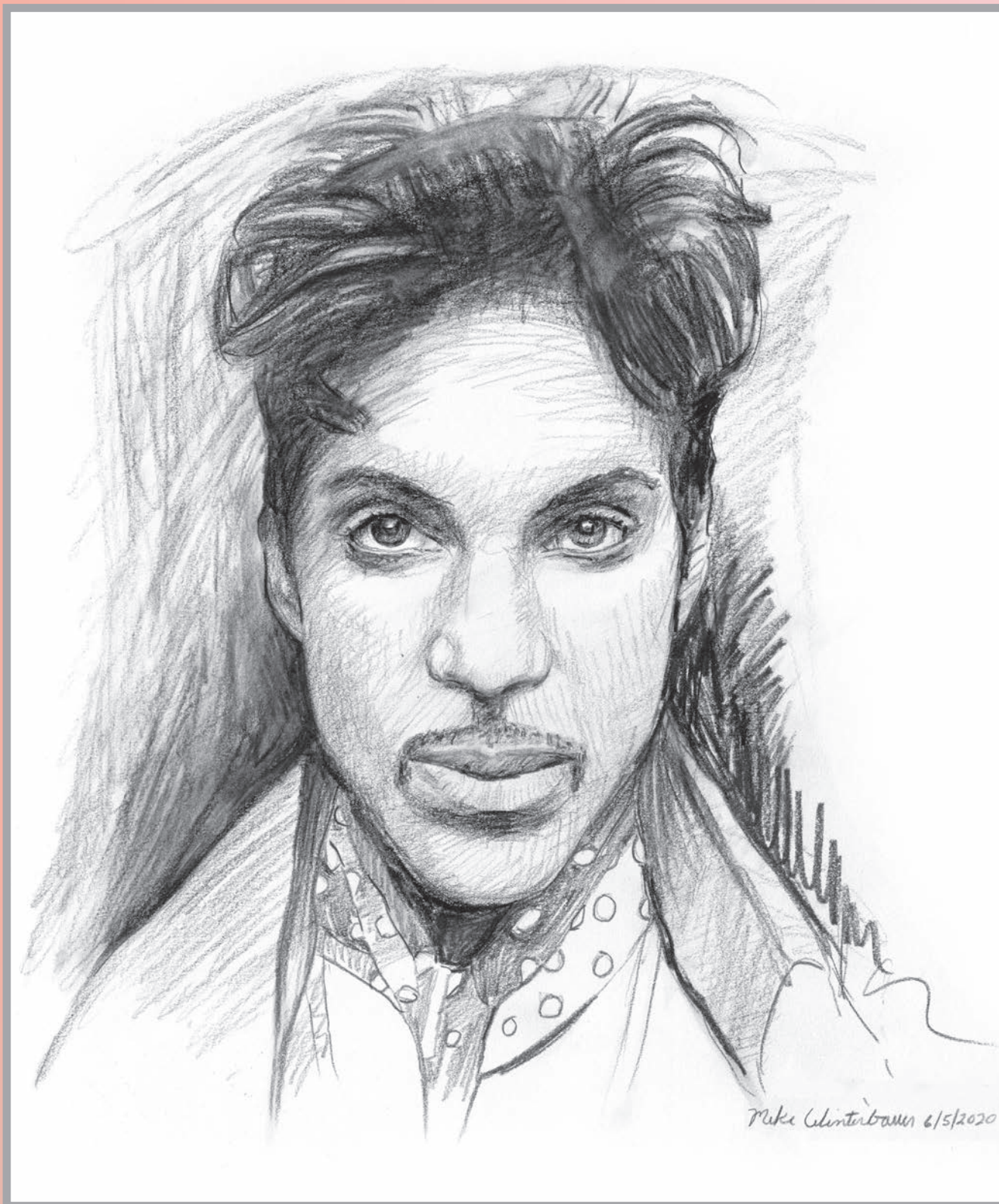






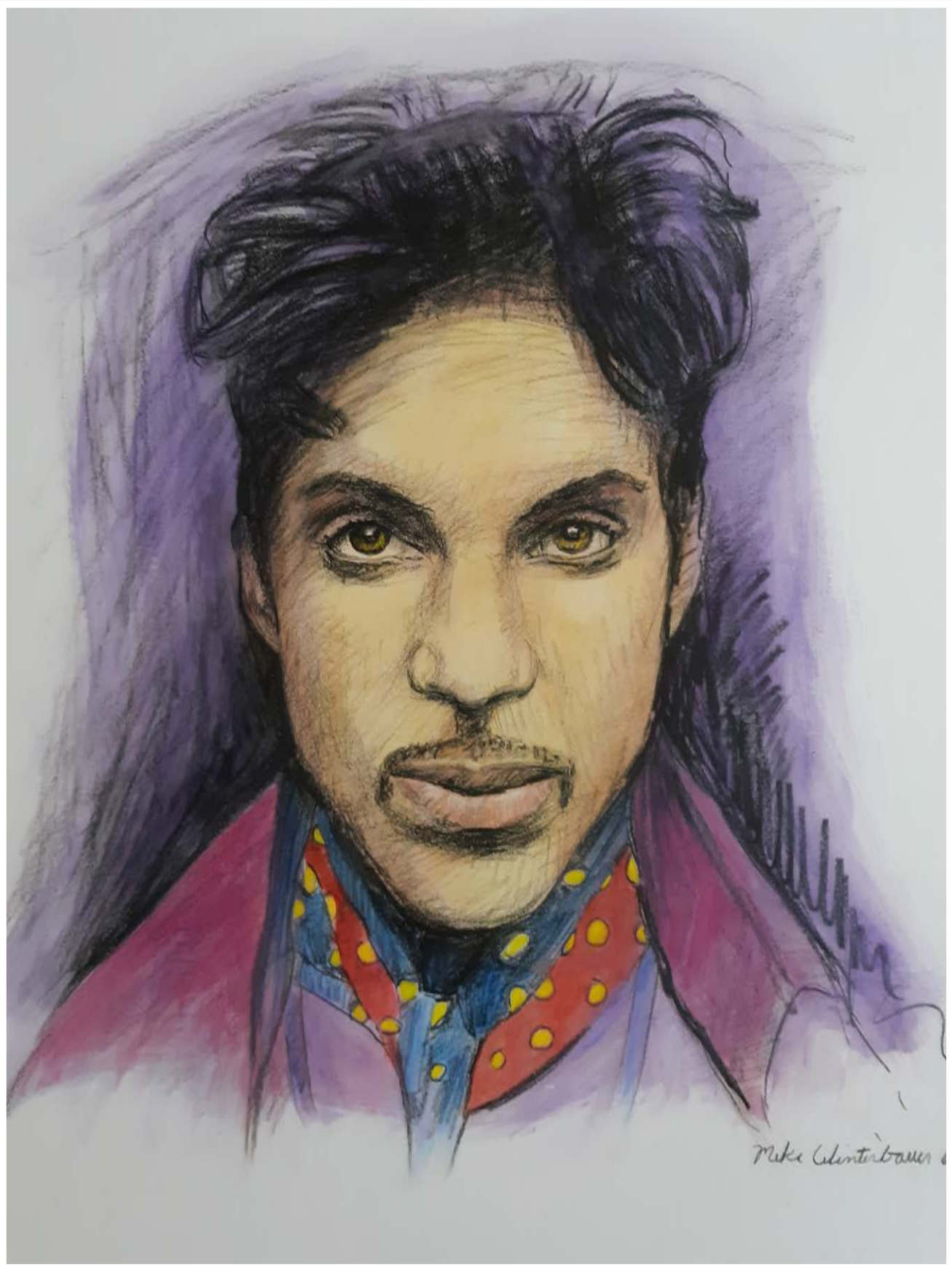
Classic Godzilla pencil drawing 2020





Prince 2021

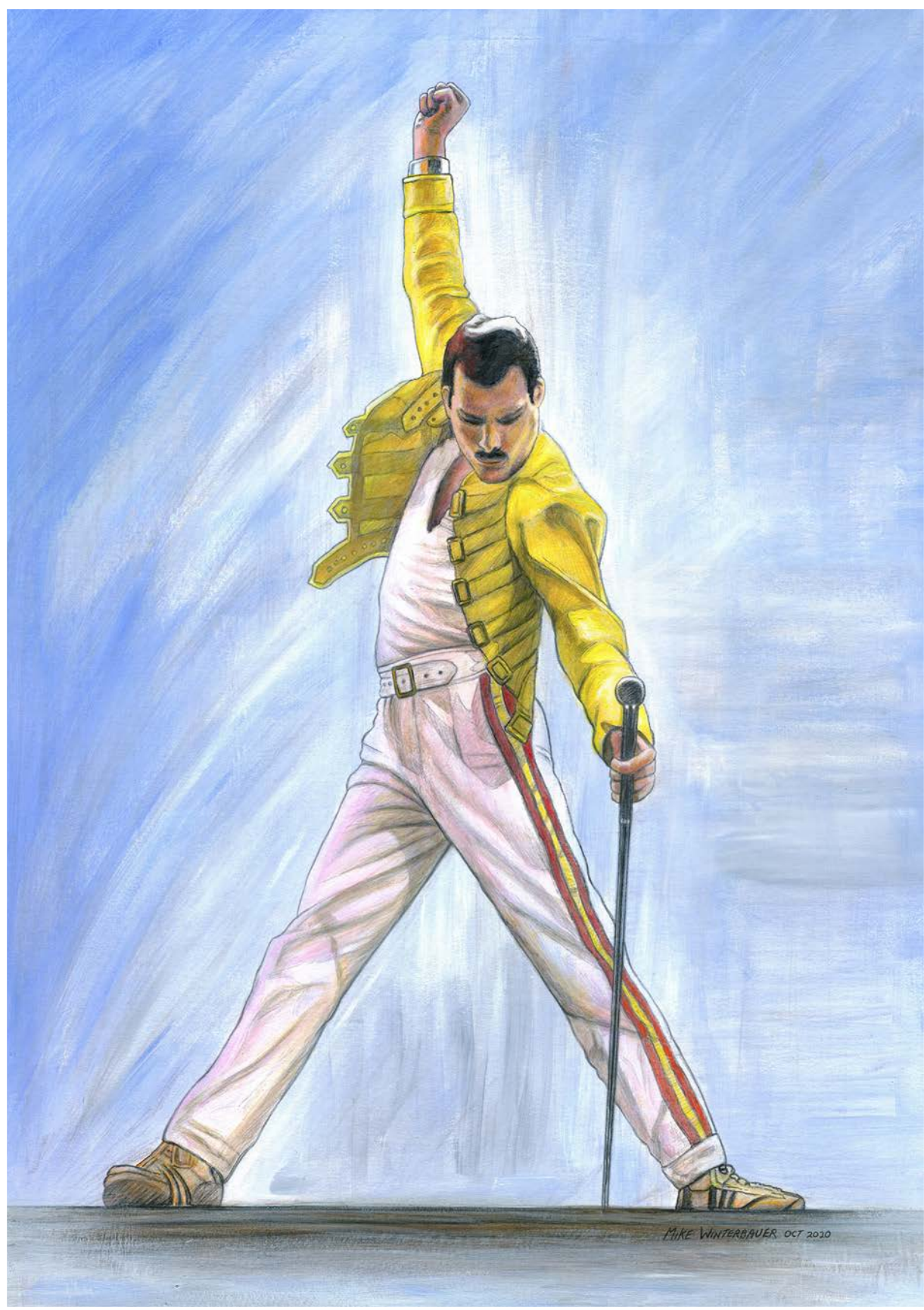
I have always been a fan of Prince and Purple Rain.

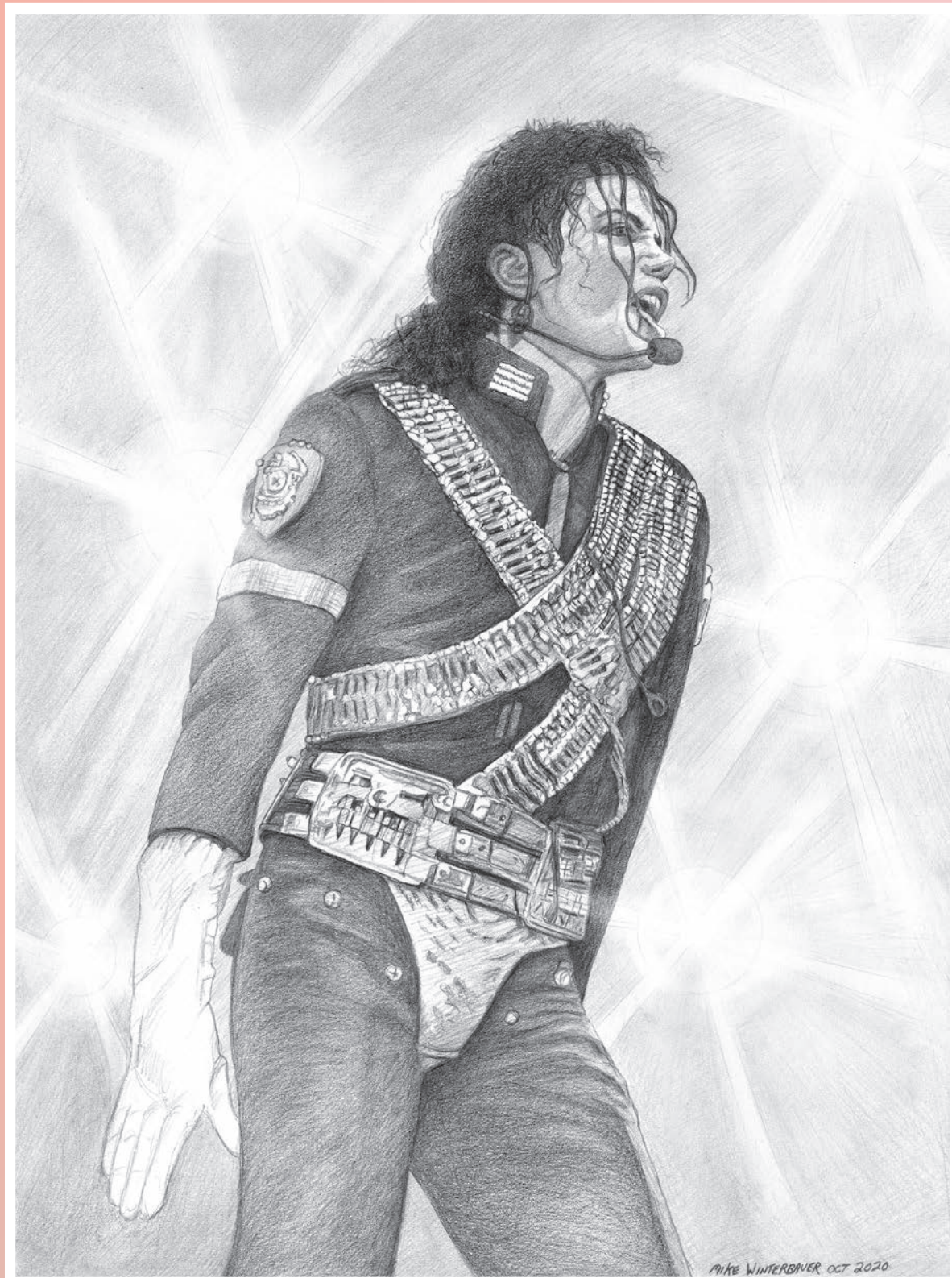




Freddie Mercury 2020

The amazing front man for the band Queen.



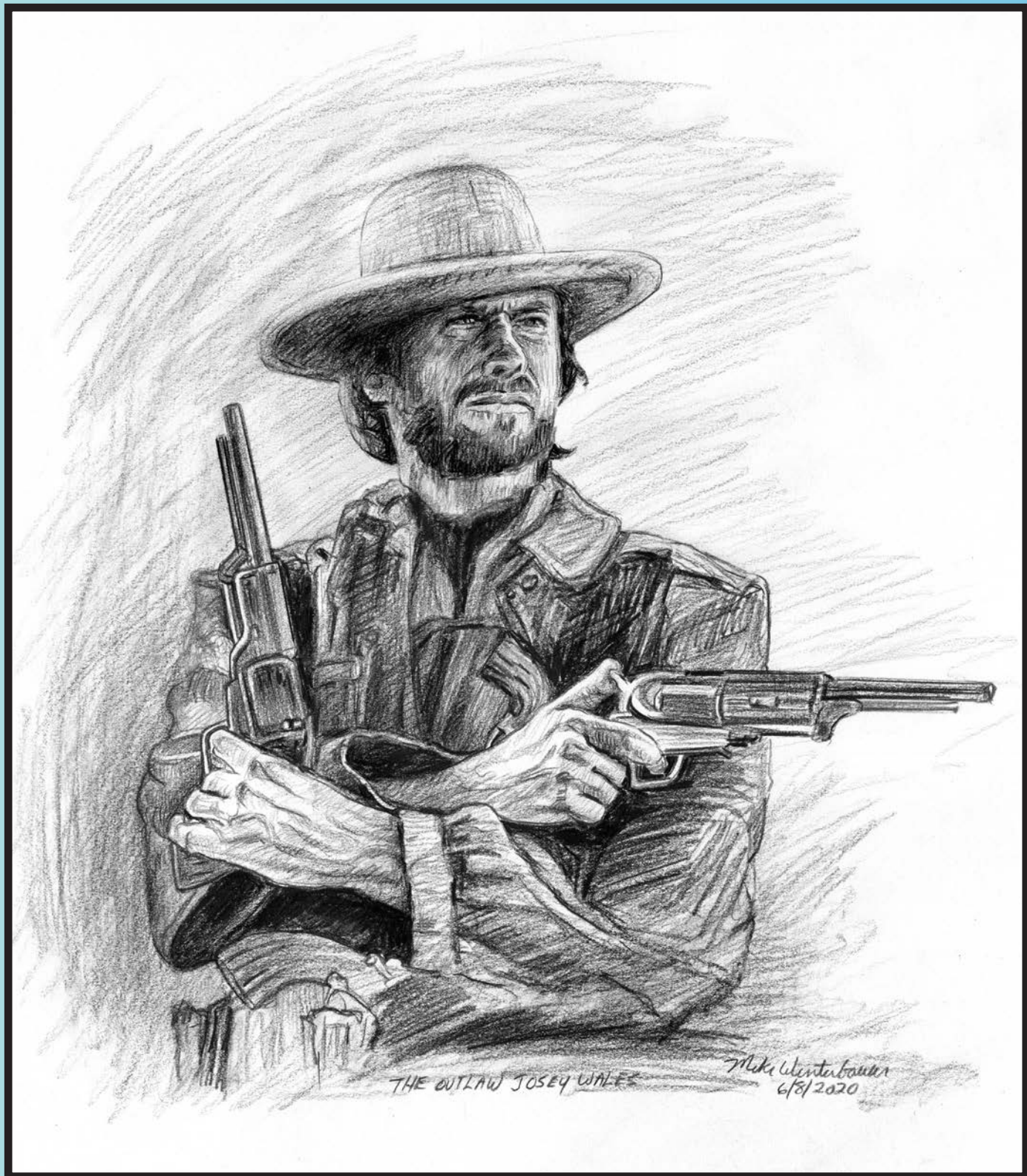


Michael Jackson 2020

Michael Jackson on his famous Dangerous Tour 1992.

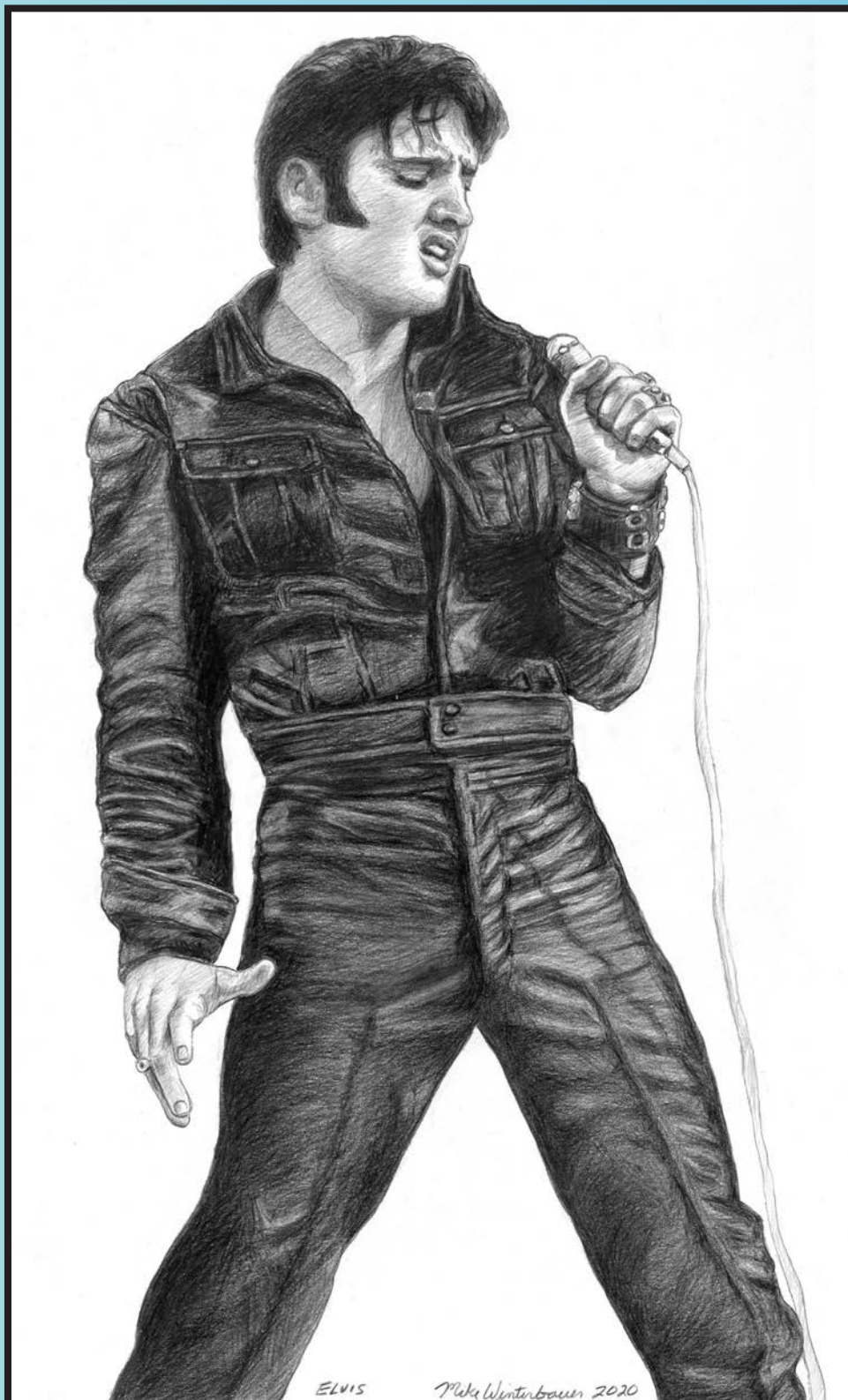






Outlaw Josey Wales 2020

Growing up I was a big fan of the cool Spaghetti Westerns.



Elvis 2020

Elvis looking cool in his prime singing "Suspicious Minds".







Ultimate Gundam 2025

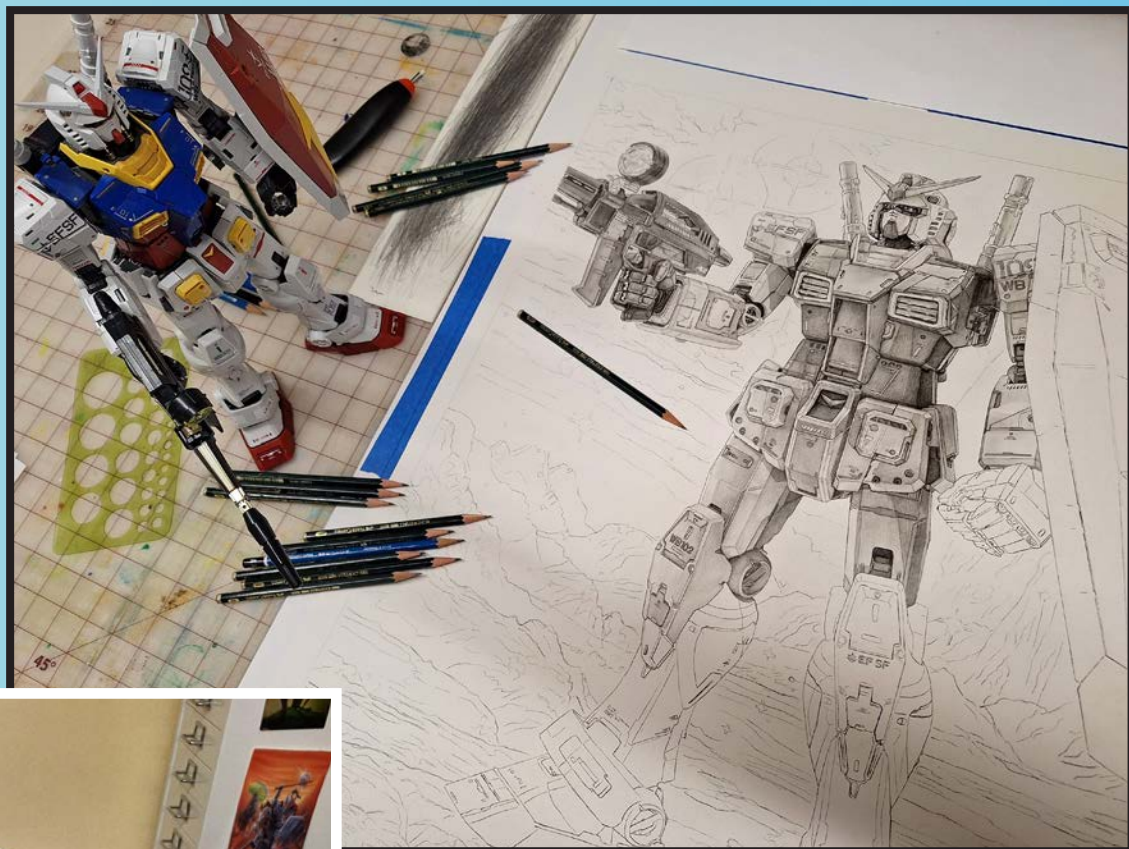


Happily working away on my Ultimate Gundam painting. I am painting on a high quality print of my original drawing that is mounted on heavy weight illustration board. My brushes and paints are nicely organized to the colors I have chosen.



"I like photographing models to draw from. I have total control over lighting the model and posing it."

"Gundam RX-78-2 enjoyed watching me draw him."



Ultimate Gundam

This was my third Gundam project and I was determined to take it to the highest level I possibly could. I decided to work from a model as I could create very detailed drawings from my photos. I enjoyed purchasing the assembled Gundam RX-78-2 model on eBay and setting up a cool photo shoot.

"It takes a lot of patience and skill to create a drawing this detailed in large poster size format."



78th Anniversary, October 29, 2025
Ultimate Gundam RX-78-2

Poster Prints

Art is so much better printed extra large, I love seeing my art printed high resolution on poster size prints.

I have always admired the large one sheet posters the movies used to advertise their upcoming films.

They have left a lasting impression on me as I move forward creating new art.



Working from models

Working from models has been a liberating creative journey. I like finding the models and collecting them. It has been fun setting up creative photo shoots with cool lighting. At right is the beautiful Formula One model I photographed and the photo I used to draw my exciting Formula One pencil drawing.



Mike Winterbauer, Aug 21, 2015
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Formula One 2026

I am currently drawing and painting the Formula One car Ferrari SF-24. These cars are amazing machines with tremendous power and elegant lines. Above is a beautiful large print of my finished drawing. This drawing has an interesting depth of field as the main focus is primarily on the driver.

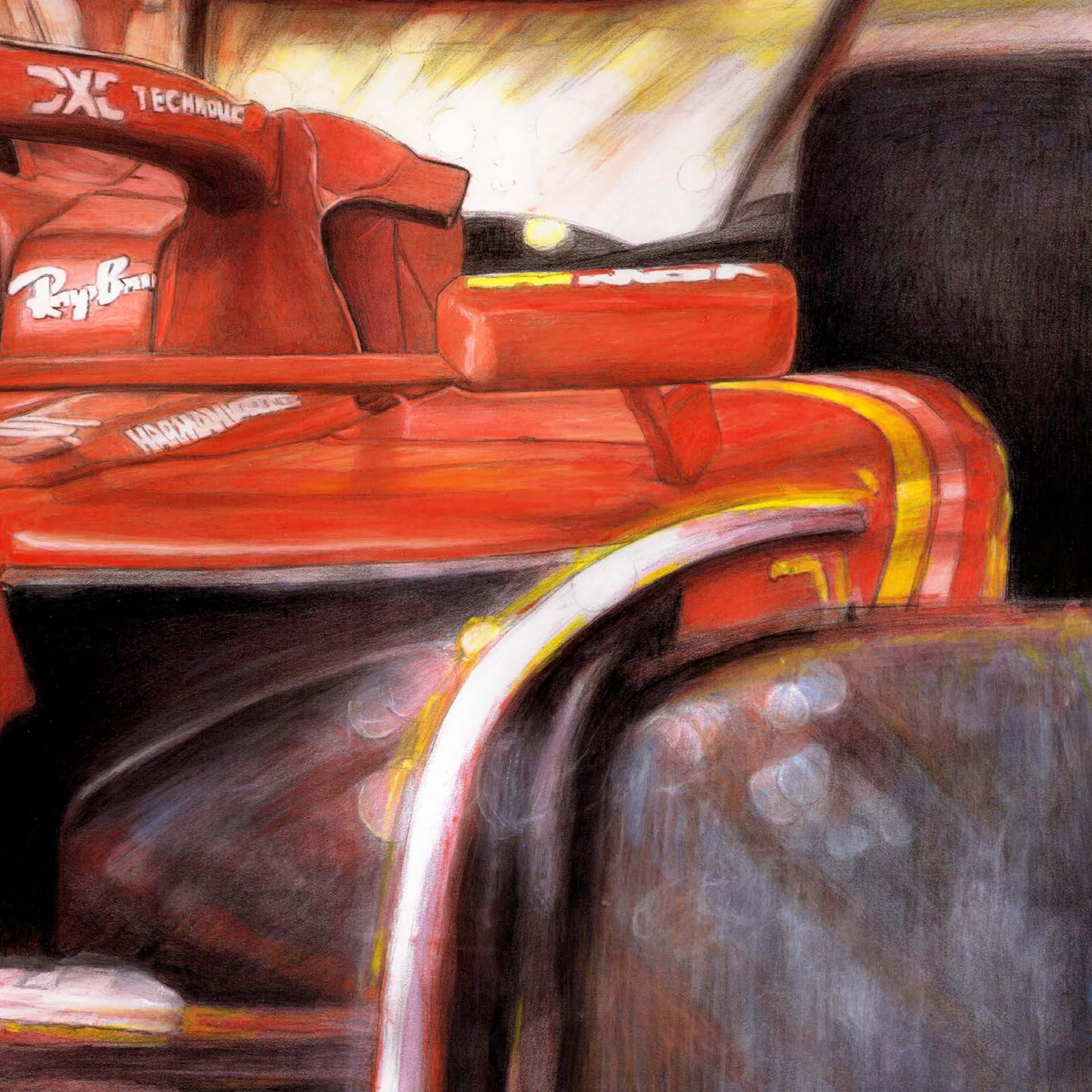
At right is the Ferrari SF-24 Formula One car and the Ferrari 499P Le Mans 24hr car. I am looking forward to drawing and painting the Ferrari 499P soon.



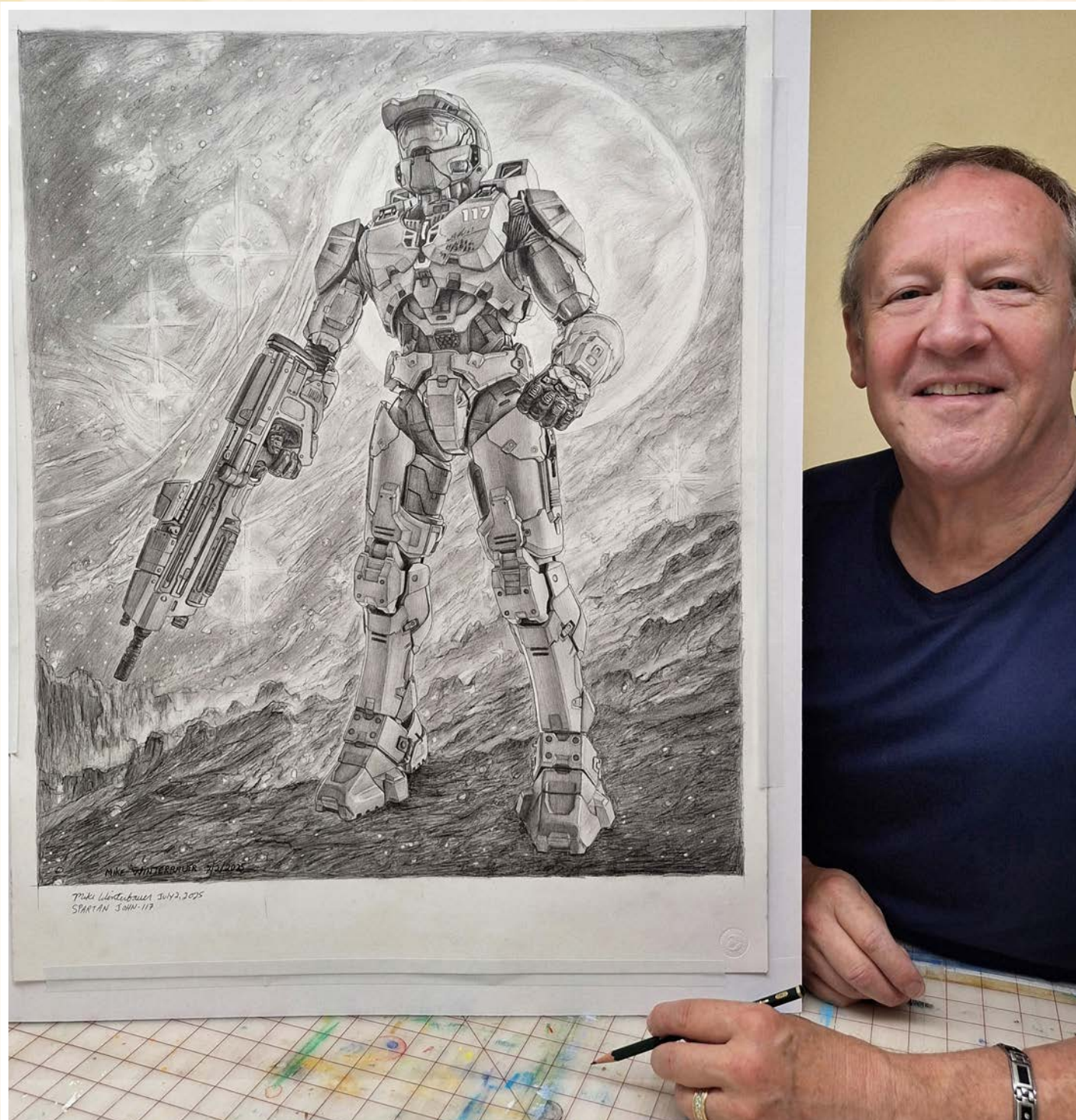






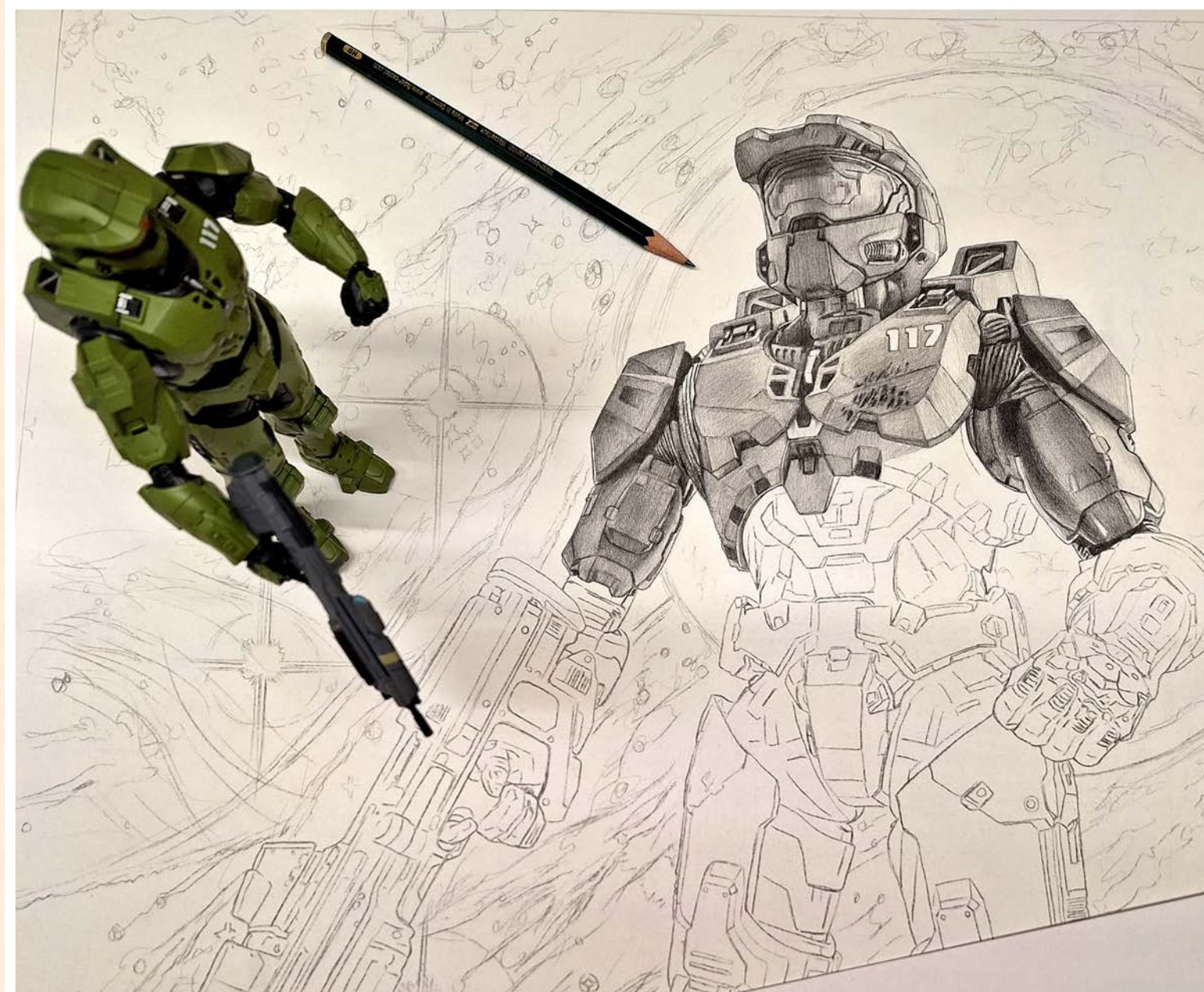






Halo Spartan John-117, 2025

This art was done from photos I took of a model. This is my tribute art to the awesome Master Chief. I loved drawing and painting John-117 and the Silver Team. I did these pieces poster size so I could add great detail and many values of color.



I enjoy all things Halo. This includes the game, TV series and the books. The story and characters are engaging, interesting and fun. I did four cool Halo pieces of art. A drawing and painting of Spartan John-117 and a drawing and painting of the Halo TV series.

"Spartan John-117 kept a watchful eye as I drew him."



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