



Bald Eagle, scratchboard, 10 x 8.

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**What inspired this artwork?** The bald eagle that inspired this portrait was living in a wildlife park in Wisconsin. He had lost an eye and was spending his life safely in captivity. I was moved by the vulnerability of his old injury yet inspired by the power and strength he still commanded when viewed from the side I drew. I wanted to portray him in all his majesty, giving him the dignity of a powerful stance.

**Where did you study art?** I am self-taught. I've been drawing for as long as I can remember and have spent endless amounts of time studying art books from libraries and from my own collection. Simply the habit of making art has taught me many lessons along the way. I continually study through practice and hard work.

**What have been some of the highlights of your career?** I was honored to have one of my pen-and-ink drawings featured in *Strokes of Genius 8* (published by North Light Books in 2016). The opportunity to share my work in *Southwest Art* is definitely a highlight, as well!

**What are your goals for the future?** Sustainable income would be great! I have a particular interest in commissions for pet and wildlife portraits.

**Where can collectors find your work?** My sales are made through local art shows, word of mouth, and my website, [www.thecozyred.com](http://www.thecozyred.com).