

# **Mark Powell's Bio**

## **Why do you like doing this kind of work?**

I really enjoy working with people and inspiring them through my work. To see an idea or vision come to life, brings out the best in me and gives me the opportunity to be creative and express myself. I get to see the happiness and joy in the face of the person I am working with and it is also very rewarding to help people and bring happiness into their lives.

## **How did you get started doing it?**

I come from a very long line of artists; both my mother and father were very good artists as well as my older brother and sister. All of them have had an influence in my life. Many family members through past generations have been in the art field in some form or another, which led me to this life's journey. I also attended college as an art major and have continued to expand upon my talents to become even better at what I do.

## **Why are you passionate about it?**

I get to do the very thing I love to do, which is to bring joy and happiness to the people I meet. I feel people are their happiest when they get to fulfill their dreams. To me, the difference is having the opportunity to meet, listen, and talk to people and be a part of their lives and they become friends.

## **What inspired you to do it?**

My wife; she has always believed in my abilities and in me. She sees my eyes light up when talking to people about what I do. It shows when I do airbrush face painting for little children, and children of all ages; the smiles, laughs, and giggles from long-time friends and new friends we meet.

My son; we would spend many hours together painting, drawing, and exploring the world of art and how it changes people's lives and the joy it can bring. I still have all of his drawings we did together and it reminds me of the time my mother and father would spend with me. We lost our son in 2003 when he was just 19 years old and I think of him everyday, and cherish the time we spent together. My son wanted to be an artist like his dad and I always dreamed he would carry on the family tradition and he would have been even better than me, which inspires me and makes me very proud.