

the Art Cellar

Walter Stanford

An artist, illustrator and designer with over 30 years of experience, Walter works from his studio outside of downtown Concord, NC. He is a 1986 graduate of the School of Art at East Carolina University.



He worked 13 years as a freelance illustrator which laid the groundwork for much of his professional creative skills.

He has also worked as an advertising art director and apparel designer. Admiring the portraits of Rembrandt and how he used light, Stanford envisioned doing something similar with animals. He paints wildlife, especially raptor portraits and with a desire to portray them as up close and personal.

As Walter states, *"I want to bring that animal into a person's home!"*

His love of raptors was inspired by a crippled Peregrine Falcon he saw at the Carolinas Raptor Center. An animal that, in his prime, is the fastest animal on earth! From that moment on, Walter was off and flying—and painting!

He lives in NC with his wife Valerie and daughter Merin.