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Spotlight



Mick & Matt Glebe

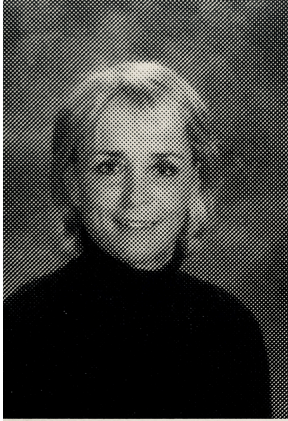
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Twins Mick and Matt Glebe always had passion for art - even from their earliest years in school. As their styles and skills evolved they turned that passion into a booming career as internationally-known artists, working on some of the very same characters they loved growing up.

They still live in the Bellevue area and also enjoy cosplay... so if you happen to see Wolverine, Batman or Tony Stark in line behind you at the bank, it just might be one of the Glebe brothers.

Mick & Matt recently took some time to answer a few of our questions.



Mrs Pam Doty,
former art teacher at
Mission Middle
School



Mick & Matt's Senior
Pictures at West

What schools did you attend in Bellevue?

We both attended Leonard Lawrence Elementary, Mission Middle School, and Bellevue West High School where we graduated in 2005. We went on to graduate from Bellevue University with a Bachelor's in Graphic Design and a Minor in Studio Art.

Who was one of your favorite teachers?

There are many teachers over the years that made quite an impact on us, but in terms of where our profession has taken us, Pamela Doty, who taught art at Mission Middle School, was one of our greatest instructors who helped open our world creatively. She was always pushing to pursue and explore our talents in the arts—everything from finding new styles to learn and artists to aspire from. If there was a new idea or medium you wanted to explore, she was there with the means and influence that helped us hone our artistic potential while in class.

What is a memory you could share from your time in school?

We had a blast competing in art competitions representing BPS in both state and national levels. It was a huge honor for us to place in the top awards and accolades. Mick also held the distinction of receiving a Congressional Art Award representing the entire state of Nebraska in 2003, his piece was even displayed at the capitol in Washington D.C.

Did you have a favorite place to hang out - either at school or in town?

Honestly, any place to work on our art was invaluable. Back in the day you could kick in our bedroom door and find us blasting music and working away on our artistic techniques—it was definitely our favorite past time! Actually, most of the artistic skills we've obtained were all self-taught by mimicking our favorite illustrations from some of our

favorite comics. We'd spend hours honing our skills in drawing and painting, especially at home.

What was your favorite class?

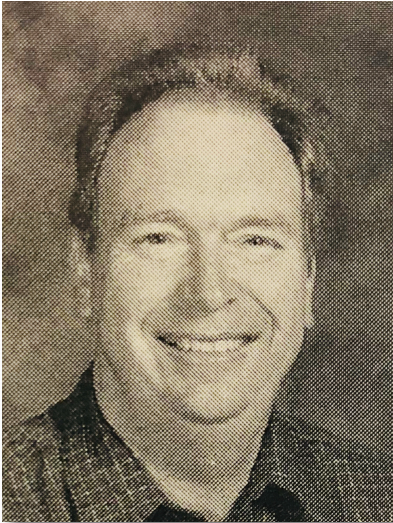
Taking Junior/Senior classes with Gene Dorn for History and Justice & Law were quite an eye opener for us. We felt that his lectures and teaching method better prepared us for our next steps in college courses. His presentation gave us a more well-rounded perspective on the world before us. Through his open perspective teachings on history, politics, and law we obtained an educational foundation on which we could base our choices in life on what would not only affect our adulthood, but in bettering our society as well.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

When we were little we thought it would be exciting to pursue a career as a scientist or an actor! Acting and filmmaking has always been another creative passion we'd intermix with our creativity, much of which we have maintained in our adulthood as well! Once upon a time in first grade Matt was sitting in class illustrating his drawing assignment: "What I want to do for a job when I grow up." His teacher peeked over his shoulder to see a Ghostbuster firehouse being scribbled in crayon. The teacher said politely: "Aw, Matt-honey, you know the assignment—Ghostbusters aren't real!!!" To which Matt replied astonished: "You mean you've never heard of a paranormal investigator?!" Matt's teacher smiled and moved on. Our parents had a lot to do with our achievements also—they were always encouraging us and providing us with the tools for success.

You also own your own business. What can you tell us about Twynsunz, Inc (pronounced: Twin Sons)?

Twynsunz specializes in creative graphic design and artistic mixed medium to produce innovative products and entertainment illustration. We produce everything from high-end art, collector cards, base illustration, graphic novels,



West History Teacher
Gene Dorn



The Glebe Brothers posing as
Batman and Iron Man



covers, sequential illustration, fine art, gifts, collectibles, and personal commissions—ranging from concept to final product.

Many of the properties we've had the pleasure of producing contracted work for include: Star Wars, Marvel, DC Comics, The Walking Dead, Star Trek, and Game of Thrones to name a few.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

We would love to expand our artwork into galleries and increase the product lines that our work is featured on!

If you could choose a single piece of your art that best represents your talents, which one would it be?

That's difficult to say as our artwork is always evolving. Pushing our creativity is a part of the growing process in our career field. But we can definitely say we have some favorites!

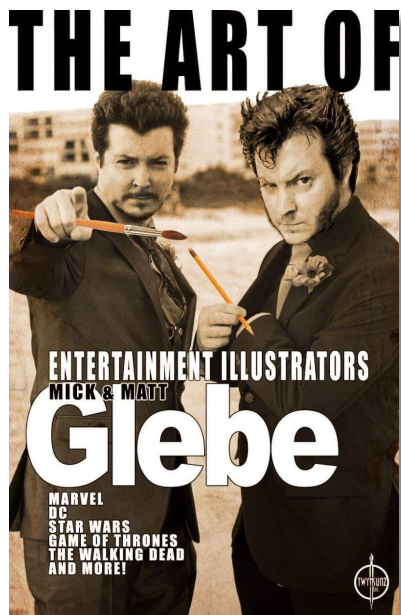
What are a couple projects you are working on now that you can tell us about?

Just this year, our company has successfully launched our own line of Sculpted Sketch Cards in the collector market. These unique cards come hand finished and are encased in a sealed collector case to display and ensure it's value for years to come. Each custom SSC is rendered on an original handcrafted sketch card that breathes new life into these high-end dimensional collector art pieces.

We have many other original in-house products and projects in the works at Twynsunz, just keep an eye out for our new product line Glebe: Limited Inspired Art Products! This will range from pop culture, retro, and uniquely hand-made fun wearables, collectibles, and trendy art-inspired products!

In other exciting news, we had the pleasure of illustrating some official base artwork for the return of Star Wars Galaxy 2018, focusing on the latest movies from Disney and





LucasFilm. Our artwork is scheduled to hit shelves later this year in November, along with some other great talents in the industry.

Which of your accomplishments in life are you most proud of?

One of the greatest things we can reflect upon is how we went from excited kids enjoying these big-name properties, from Star Wars to Batman, growing up—to officially producing artwork for them. It's quite a personal feat to reach in hindsight—having the chance to personally leave your official mark upon them for others to enjoy as well. The circle is now complete!

What message would you like to give to current students in Bellevue Public Schools students?

Never let anyone destroy your dreams or tell you that you can't do something. Life isn't about finding yourself—it's about creating yourself. And you truly can become that person with hard work and dedication. Don't ever expect recognition by doing the bare minimum. If you want to be treated like the best, start out by doing your best—first impressions are still everything. Always be thinking ahead of what you would like to do for a career—because if you do something you love you never work a day in your life!

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