**“Blank is the starting point for everything!”**

**~Dan Koffman**

Artist, Daniel Koffman, proves without a doubt that his work does not fall into the categories typically associated with artists.  His uniquely creative and bold style transcends all mediums and his outrageous humor and imagination transform ordinary concepts into works of art. Koffman has remained dedicated to a career not limited to staying within the lines.

When people say to him that he thinks outside the box, his response is, “What box?” He encourages people to practice the art of visual sketching as another form of thinking. He states that sketching puts you in contact with being in the moment. It allows you to stop and experience a quiet moment in time. It also helps you trap your elusive ideas in the here and now so that they don’t fly away like a butterfly!

Danny Koffman was born in 1950 and raised in Los Angeles, California. One of his first artistic ventures was creating a comic book for radio personality, Wolfman Jack. Koffman believes that art is communication and that the artist has the privilege of choosing what is to be communicated.

Over 20 years ago, he designed the Flag of Peace and Freedom, choosing to let the images of the sun, birds and sky express his desire for peace.  Every year, he corresponds with the leaders of every country of the world.  Thus far, 32 countries have flown the Flag of Peace and Freedom.  To Koffman, that is art as communication at its most powerful!

In 2004, Dan and Lisa, the African elephant, painted 30 works of art together and raised thousands of dollars for the Elephant Rescue Program.  A documentary, produced by Koffman, on his work with Lisa has appeared on television around the country.

"Art with a Smile" focuses on the lighter side of the world we live in. Koffman uses his unique artist's eye to provide an unexpected and often humorous twist to the people, places, events and things that fill our lives. Dan Koffman’s gallery is more than a traditional art gallery. It is entertainment that provides smiles, chuckles and a light-hearted look at a sometimes all too serious world.

            Daniel Koffman works in almost every medium.  His creative force is virtually unlimited! He is a graphic artist by training and a creative artist by choice.  Koffman’s true enjoyment lies in creating art that is unique, thought provoking and humorous. He encourages others by simply stating, “Your ideas could change the world!

**So what ideas do you have that could change the world?**

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