

Q&A with artist Brian Rutenberg

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Looking at him now, you'd never guess that Myrtle Beach-born **Brian Rutenberg**, 50, once was a squatter. He slept on a bench in the College of Charleston's Fine Arts department so he could devote as much time as possible to making art.

As a student, Rutenberg thrived here in the 1980s and was among the lucky students to show work in the Young Contemporaries exhibition. That experience led quickly to back-to-back successes and, before long, a full-fledged career as an artist.