

**Biography James Rizzi (USA)**

**1950** born in Brooklyn, New York

**1974** graduates in Fine Arts from the University of Florida at Gainesville • moves to a loft on Sullivan Street, SoHo, New York • first exhibitions of paintings and prints in New York City (Washington Square and Brooklyn Hights)

**1975** creates a 135-feet long wall painting for Eric's Bar & Grill, New York (the building was pulled down in 1985)

**1977** takes part in The Brooklyn Museum of Art project "Thirty Years of American Printmaking, including the 20th National Print Exhibition" (Gene Baro, Curator)

**1980** Tom Tom Club, New York: designs the cover for the band's first record • designs the first album cover for Andy Summers and Robert Fripp

**1981** Tom Tom Club: the first video clip animated by Rizzi figures "Genius of Love" is published **1983** Tom Tom Club: the video clip „Animation of Love" is published; the clip is also an animation of

Rizzi figures **1986** designs the album cover for Dedi Ramone

**1987** designs the cover for B. B. King's "Funky Man" • the Japanese movie "Rizzi Meets the Salsa" is made

**1988** his first 3-dimensional book "James Rizzi: 3D-Constructions" is published • designs the menu for Denny's Restaurants, Japan • TBS Serial Drama, Japan, commissions "Endless Game" • designs a savings book for Fuji Bank

**1989** designs a puzzle for Yanoman Toys

**1990** interview with New York Expression • creates the poster "Take me out to the Ballgame" advertising the Hollywood movie "V.I. Warshawski" • designs a dictionary for Gakken, Japan • creates an art calendar for Suntory Whiskey, Japan

**1991** Firestone Golf Club, Akron, Ohio, invites Rizzi to create a picture for the US Gold Tournament's new club house; the title of the picture is "Strokes of Genius" • La Guardia Airport: participates in an invitation for fine artists

**1992** the book "Rizzi" is published; it contains articles by Glenn O'Brien • commissioned architectural painting for Werzalit AG, Hanover, Germany • Rizzi is special guest of the United Hospital Fund when five pictures are donated to charity at a children's hospital

**1993** designs the coat for European boxing champion Henry Maske • MAX Magazin, Germany: cover story on Rizzi in its May issue • special guest at the American Anorexia & Bulimia Association

**1994** designs a limited edition of vases, boxes and cans for Rosenthal, Germany • designs a limited edition metro card for the New York Transit Authority • Woodstock Walls: painting on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Woodstock Festival • designs the logo for the Children's Friends for Life Foundation •

designs ski fashion for Descente • designs a telephone card for AmeriVox • designs a series of telephone cards for Teleworld

**1995** designs an ash-tray for Phillip Morris and Rosenthal, Germany • special design for Philip Morris' employees on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Philip Morris Europe • Children's Friends for Life Foundation invites Rizzi to create a cookbook for children • advertising campaign for Bolla Wines • designs the BOBBY-CAR for Big-Toys, Fuerth, Germany • designs a limited edition of vases, candlesticks, bowls and espresso cups for Rosenthal, Germany • official artist of the Atlanta Olympic Committee • Neue Pinakothek, Munich: poster design "Rizzi meets Spitzweg" • designs the 1995- catalogue cover for te Neues Publishers, Germany • designs a limited edition of milk glasses for Ritzenhoff Crystal • Dan's Papers, East Hampton, NY: Cover Design • Trading Cards: designs 36 collector cards • designs skywear line for Descente

**1996** Mary Hahn Publishers, Munich, publishes the book "James Rizzi - Mein New York Kochbuch" with recipes by Peter Buehrer • designs the collection of limited edition watches "Seven Moods of the Week" for Buecher / Buechner, Hanover, Germany • Wella AG, Darmstadt, Germany, launches a limited edition of Rizzi packaging • Intermedia Children's Friends for Life Foundation invites Rizzi to design the book "Kochen mit Kindern" (cooking with children) • Prestel-Publishers, Germany publishes the book "The New York Paintings" • the International Olympic Museum orders a collection of exhibits that are shown during the Olympic Games in Atlanta 1996 and later become part of the permanent collection in Lausanne, Switzerland • Dan's Papers, East Hampton, NY: Cover Design, August 1996 • Pao Network films a New York-interview which is broadcasted by TV Asahi, Japan • Ruhr Wirtschaft, Hamm, Germany: designs the title page of the June issue of the Magazin der Handelskammer (magazine of the German Chamber of Commerce) • Lufthansa Airlines: designs the fuselage exterior of a Boeing 757 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Lufthansa's subsidiary Condor • Olympic Magazine publishes a cover story on Rizzi in its March issue • the International Olympic Museum publishes the catalogue "Dreams of Sport"; Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, opens Rizzi solo exhibition; the exhibits are accompanied by an explanatory commentary by George Plimpton • solo exhibition at the International Olympic Museum, Lausanne (Switzerland)

**1997** Mary Hahn Publishers, Munich, Germany, publishes Peter Buehrer's "Christmas Cooking in New York, Kochen und Backen mit James Rizzi, Susannah MacDonald und Linnea Pergola" • creates the logo for the 24-hours charity marathon "We are helping children" for RTL Television; interview with Rizzi about his work • designs a limited edition of four CDs (James Rizzi: "Love, Fun, Day, Night") for Bertelsmann BMG Ariola Media, Germany • Intermedia Graphics, Inc., Tokyo, Japan publishes the CD-ROM „James Rizzi“ • SunStorm Magazine, Long Island, NY publishes a cover story on James Rizzi's biography and art in its June issue • Liebherr, Germany, invites Rizzi to create the door of a fridge that functions as advertising medium • IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch appoints Rizzi to create a work on the Olympic Games of the Modern Age • the United States Olympic Committee appoints Rizzi to give creative reality to the motto 'Winter Olympic Games in Nagano' (Japan 1998) • BASF, Germany, invites Rizzi to create a work on indigo blue on the occasion of its anniversary • official artist for the Montreux Jazz Festival, Montreux, Switzerland; poster design for the festival • Rizzi is invited to design the seasonal magazine Fire Ball, Germany • opening of a Rizzi-retrospective in Brooklyn, New York; the mayor of Brooklyn officially declares the day of the opening "James Rizzi Day"

**1998** Z100 Radio Station, New York: Rizzi creates a unique work and a poster for Jingle Ball Concert's charity event at Madison Square Garden, New York; the event is sponsored by Radio Z100 • creates the back page of the November issue for MAX Magazine, Germany • TollWood Festival, Munich: creates the unique work "Life Inside the Big Apple"; the piece serves as inspiration for the 1998 stage production "All About Eve – And What About Adam" that is running from October 1<sup>st</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup>; for the stage production the work is enlarged to a size of seven feet so that it can serve as background for well-known actors and dancers; Rizzi figures are present throughout the complete plot • the United States Sports

Academy, Alabama, appoints Rizzi as Official Artist of the Year; this appointment honours artists that are preserving the ethos and spirit of sport for the following generations; the works are exhibited at the museum's permanent collection • official artist for the FIFA World Cup Soccer, France 1998 • designs the 'Happy Rizzi House' in Brunswick, Germany, for the EXPO Hanover 2000 • Liebherr, Germany, invites Rizzi to design the outside of the second generation fridge • invitation to the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland

**1999** designs a limited edition millennium vase in cooperation with Frank Stella and Paul Giovanopoulos for Rosenthal Porcelain, Germany • designs six art objects for Rosenthal Porcelain, Germany • Volkswagen AG, Wolfsburg, Germany: paints three "New Beetles" • F. A. Brockhaus AG, Mannheim, Germany: designs the book cover for the fifteen-volume Brockhaus Encyclopaedia • Brunswick: the foundation stone for the "Happy Rizzi House" is laid

**2000** Rizzi is the official artist for the Cow Parade, New York; exhibition at Rockefeller Center and on Fifth Avenue • works on a variety of projects for Unicef • creates a painting for the German Telekom on the occasion of the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Nuremberg; the piece is put up for auction for a good cause; • designs a picture for the Japanese Railroad

**2001** Tokyo, "Spiral Garden": paints a Smart car which is later auctioned for a good cause • the European Academy of Arts and Sciences, Austria, awards Rizzi • the "Happy Rizzi House" in Brunswick is opened • opening of a Rizzi gallery in Tokyo

**2002** Hamburg: designs the title page of the newspaper "Hamburger Abendblatt" • designs the "Libby Bear" for Margarete Steiff GmbH, Germany • designs a compartment of Heilbronn Metro, Germany • designs the label for the new "Rizzi-Wine" (Cooperation of Wine Growers Heilbronn-Erlenberg- Weinsberg, Germany) • is invited to the World Economic Forum in New York • the original of "Baden- Baden – so good they named it twice" is donated to the city of Baden-Baden • participates in the charity project "Herzessache" of South-West-Radio, Germany (SWR)

**2003** designs the poster for the SWR3 New Pop Festival (Baden-Baden, Germany) **2004** the New York Fire Engine toy model is launched in a limited edition by Schuco Modell • exhibition of 3D-works at the Mathematicum in Gießen, Germany

**2005** donates the complete edition of the 3-D-graphic "Gone with the Wind" to the Lions Club Germany; the proceeds are supposed to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans

**2006** Rizzi receives the Steiger Award in the category 'Art' in Dortmund, Germany • cooperates with "action medeor" to support the victims of the earthquake in Pakistan

**2007** Creation of four stamps for the „Deutsche Post“

**2008** Big Retrospective „James Rizzi“ in Mainz

**2010** Biggest James Rizzi exhibition ever in Bremen

**2011** 81. International Automobil – Salon in Geneva, Ravensburger Puzzle Creation

**26.12.2012** James Rizzi dies in NYC