

# Meet Edward Hopper PART 1

A Two part, exclusive interview By Patricia Villers

## Art Spotlight

The Valley Arts Council revealed the most fascinating little amphibian fellow, who shares his name with the famous American, “Realist” Artist, “Edward Hopper”. This Edward Hopper is the creation of Arts Council President/Artist, Rich DiCarlo, who has a history of creating puppets (film) over the years. Edward made his debut with “Story Time”, the first of several children’s reading videos that were created on behalf of the Art Council and The City of Ansonia. The video can be viewed along with “Art Talk” on the Arts Council’s You Tube page.



Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" 1942

**PV; Hi Ed, May I call you Ed?**

*Ed: "Certainly, after all that is my name".*

**PV; Are you a Frog or a Toad?**

*Ed: I consider myself to be a basic "pond frog".*

**PV; Where do you come from? Are you local?**

*Ed: Technically, I am a New Yorker, but Artistically, I along with my 164 brothers and sisters are from Artist Claude Monet's Pond. You know, of his famous Water Lillies paintings...I once had a pad small pad there..."*



**PV; 164 siblings?**

*Ed: You are aware that I am a frog? Mom laid lots of eggs, we hatched, did the whole tadpole thing, we ate, we swam around, metamorphosized... You know, science stuff.*

**PV; But you can paint...Frogs don't paint?**

*Ed: I went to Art School and don't forget, my "creator" had a big hand in making things happen.*

**PV; Are you on some type of mission?**

*Ed: I guess if spreading the Arts to the people is considered a mission...Then I guess it is... But I prefer to call it a journey, like life itself...We travel from place to place, see and experience things, meet people and interact... We don't know where we are going till we get there, and then we're there, only now we are here...If that makes sense?*

**PV; What is it about Art, That you enjoy?**

*Ed: Good question, I'd say everything about Art! In reality, Art is the ability to mke something out of nothing because it feels good. You know, the old "id and ego" thing? by Sigmond Freud about the human psyche...I'll leave that be...I don't want to lose you there... But freedom along with the creative joy that it brings me.*

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**PV; They say that you are the official spokesman for The Valley Arts Council... I assume that we will see more of you?**

Ed; "Spokesfrog" would be the proper terminology, but that is correct. The Arts Council kind of needs me more than ever, to better communicate with the people.

**PV; Better communicate? Please explain?**

Ed; Your sitting here, interviewing a talking frog...

**PV; Oh...Gotcha... What do you and the council have in store, for the public?**

Ed; *Lots of stuff, I'll be doing more "Story Times", a couple of episodes of "Art Talk", Some fundraising efforts. We are talking about doing personalized video Birthday cards ...for a small donation to the Arts Council, we will produce a little card for social media, it's a huge thing these days. We will also be doing public service announcements too. Eventually, I'd like to do online commercials for local businesses. We'll see what happens... We have a new online show, A Shoebox Theater, which I have guest performers and Musician... Like the shows on late night TV. We are also producing a major series called "Edward Hoppers - Wonders of the Art World". This show I will take folks on a journey, where we'll explore Art and Artists in all their splendor. I'm really excited about this one. After this Quarantine thing goes away, we will start doing live performances of A Shoebox Theater at The Arts Council's Gallery on Main Street.*

**PV; Wow, that's certainly a full plate. I want to thank you for your time.**

Ed; *You are quite welcome. I want folks to keep creating and be a part of the Arts!*



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