A Video Chat with Pulitzer Prize Winning Political Cartoonist Jim Morin

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INSIGHT & INSPIRATION: 1:52 min.

SEIZES OPPORTUNITIES: 1:24 min.

CRITICAL THINKING: 1:39 min.

EDUCATION: 3:51 min.

DEVELOP A VOICE: 1:55 min.

EMPATHY: 0:37 sec.

EXPOSURE TO BROAD INFLUENCES: 1:36 min.

STRONG DRIVE FOR ACHIEVEMENT: 2:13 min.

PERSEVERANCE FURTHERS: 1:40 min.

CREATES A UNIQUE PERSONAL BRAND: 5:45 min.

INTRODUCTION: 2:22 min. Music: Tri Tachyon, Little Lily Swing

INSIGHT & INSPIRATION: 2:33 min.

Who are your favorite people to draw?

UNDERSTANDS THE BUSINESS OF ART: 2:28 min.

Has any of your work gone viral on social media?

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How long did it take you to build up your social media audience?

Jim Morin, whose work is distributed by MorinToons Syndicate, won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning in 1996 and shared the Pulitzer with other members of the Miami Herald editorial board in 1983. He was a Pulitzer finalist in 1977 and 1990. He has also won the 2007 Herblock Prize, the 2000 John Fischetti Award, the 1999 Thomas Nast (international) Prize, the 1996 National Press Foundation's Berryman Award, the 1992 National Cartoonist Society Award for editorial cartooning, and the Overseas Press Club Awards in 1990 and 1979, among others.

He joined the staff at The Miami Herald in 1978 and his work is syndicated internationally. Before becoming the staff cartoonist at the Miami Herald, he was the editorial cartoonist for the Beaumont (TX) Enterprise & Journal and Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch.

Born in Washington, D.C. and raised outside of Boston, Morin started drawing cartoons at age seven. He attended Syracuse University and, fueled by social and political upheavals during the early 1970s, he began publishing political cartoons in Syracuse University's the Daily Orange.

In 2009, Morin began animating his political cartoons for the Miami Herald's website. He is the only editorial cartoonist to employ the traditional method of painstaking frame-by-frame animation drawing. His animated cartoons have drawn praise from within the profession as well as from his audience of millions of readers.


His cartoons and oil paintings have been exhibited in galleries and museums worldwide. Most recently he had a solo exhibit at the Coral Springs Museum of Art. He is soon to exhibit at the Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art in Manhattan.

In June, 2016, Morin traveled from his home in Maine to the tip of Cape Cod to visit some of the locations that Edward Hopper immortalized in his Truro and Wellfleet landscape paintings. He also visited the vibrant art community in Provincetown, which has been home to some of the world's best cartoonists, artists, architects, and writers. We interviewed Morin in Norman Mailer's former house on the water (which was sold to Mailer by John Dos Passos).
INSIGHT & INSPIRATION: 1:39 min.
What can a university do to inspire young political cartoonists?

DISCIPLINED: 1:13 min.
Do you get into political battles with people who respond to your social media posts?

RESILIENCE: 0:49 sec.
How did you get started at the Miami Herald?

PERSEVERANCE FURTHERS: 1:36 min.
Describe overcoming a challenging situation.