

NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Robert T. McCall

ORAL HISTORY: 28 March 2000

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Columbus Fine Art School, Columbus, Ohio (attended 2 years, no degree)

PRE-NASA INVOLVEMENT:

United States Army, Air Corps, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1941- 1944)

Advertising Artist, (company unknown), Chicago, Illinois (1946-1949)

Freelance Artist specializing in aviation (illustrations in *Life*, *Saturday Evening Post* and *Popular Science* among others), New York (1949-?)

NASA INVOLVEMENT:

Freelance Artist specializing in Space Art

Space Murals, NASA Dryden Flight Research Facility, NASA Johnson Space Center

NON-NASA CAREER:

Freelance Artist

Space Murals, National Air and Space Museum, Horizons Pavilion at Walt Disney's EPCOT Center

Movies:

2001: A Space Odyssey, (1967) conceptual art, advertising posters, background paintings, and consultant

Tora! Tora! Tora!, (1970) conceptual art, advertising posters and consultant

Star Trek: The Motion Picture, (1979)

The Black Hole, (1979)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Freelance artist

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Governor, National Space Society

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

A Vision of the Future: The Art of Robert McCall. Scottsdale, AZ: Scottsdale Arts Center Association and Motorola Inc., 1981.

Bova, Ben. Vision of the Future: The Art of Robert McCall. New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1982.

McCall, Robert. The Art of Robert McCall: A Celebration of Our Future in Space. New York: Bantam Books, 1992.

McCall, Robert. Robert McCall, Space Artist. Phoenix Art Museum, November 18-December 31, 1972. Phoenix Art Museum, 1972.

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Ben Bova, introduction to A Vision of the Future: The Art of Robert McCall (Scottsdale, AZ: Scottsdale Arts Center Association and Motorola Inc., 1981).

Patricia Allen Dreyfus, "Robert McCall, Illustrator." *American Artist* 35 (March 1971): 80-103.

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