



Ridgebury in Retrospective

Being born and raised in Ridgefield, CT my love for art and history both started at Scotland Elementary School. My fourth grade teacher Mrs. McNamara nee Cemprola, and my special education teacher Ms. Patzold. They nurtured my love for Ridgefield's history and supported my ego as an artist.

I graduated from Ridgefield High School, and I continued my love of art and history at the Savannah College of Art and Design and graduated with a BFA in Sequential Art and a minor in Art History. I then travelled "across the pond," to pursue a degree in Sound Design and Popular Music at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts. After playing the world famous Cavern Club, the Jacaranda, BBC2's Songwriter's Platform with my band 'Rori and the Renegades', and hanging with Sir Paul, I finally made my way back to Ridgefield, Ridgebury to be exact.

Since that time I've worked in every elementary school in Ridgefield as a para professional, substitute teacher and long-term substitute art teacher. I also taught upper school art at Ridgefield Academy. I released my first children's book, "*Mayor Maynot and the Case of the Missing Speech*" in 2005. My first album "*Head Games*" in 2007 and my second album "*Wrong Side of Right*" in 2013.

In all those years since my elementary school days, my love for drawing and need for acquiring Ridgebury history has only strengthened and flourished. I am currently working on a book about Ridgebury and its deep and multi-faceted history.