

## Wipe Out! (2015)

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This work is another addition to the “Personification” series. The shrimp in this small 8 x 10 painting is full of character as well as color. It is evident by the look on his face that he is totally humiliated by his surfing performance. The small clam is thinking “What on earth?!” which is a good reaction to a scene that can’t possibly be for real. The whimsical and fun part of the personification series is painting creatures seemingly doing impossible things. Actions that are more human in nature than what we are used to seeing from such animals.

Did the shrimp find the driftwood already with a shark tooth embedded in the place of a surfboard fin, or did he put it there? Did he simply wash ashore with the driftwood, or did he ride the surf only to end up face down in the sand? These are the kinds of questions children will ponder as they view this painting. They should, this series is dedicated to the young as well as the young at heart. I believe works of art such as this help to encourage creativity and spark the imagination.

