

# The Story

The story begins over 20 years ago with two idealistic

young artists with a shared belief in the value and importance of independent art and free thought. We were intent on making an impact as artists, and throughout many challenges and successes the mission has remained steadfastly the same: to produce high quality independent art that sparks

> it is the mission of the infamous illustrious center for inspiration and imagination to encourage creative thinking, we believe imagination to be essential in the free creation and evolution of our one future:

**Original Mission Statement from 1996** 

critical thinking and the sharing of ideas. Today the importance of independent art and critical thinking has never been more relevant. We are part of a connected world striving to live in awareness. With sincere gratitude, fortitude, and the continued support of our community, the story of Root Concepts continues to unfold...



Jeff Daverman, left, Jon Vander Pol, right, before printing first sticker run "Forsake Inhibitions, Pursue Thy Dreams" October, 1995 \* Prescott, AZ \* Photo: Barbara Konikowski

After traveling the country for a ß few years selling their artwork at festivals, Jeff Daverman and Jon Vander Pol form a creative partnership now known as Infamous Network and a line of artwork now called Root Concepts. After purchasing a used silk screen press in the summer of 1995 they start printing stickers that fall. On April 20, 1996 the first sticker catalog with the original 30 sticker designs is mailed. Scott Rahilly, another Grand Rapids, Michigan native now living in Prescott, Arizona joins the artist collective during that summer.

The small bumper sticker line and it's original display is launched. The line is well received, becoming a huge success. The branding of ROOT **CONCEPTS** is officially adopted and by this time many of the top 40 designs are already created and established. Jon is living in California and with



Scott living in Hawaii, Jeff takes over full time ownership and responsibility from this point.



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The business expands with the development and launch of the wire rack displays. The small bumper sticker and mini sticker lines are solidified as the most successful lines the company offers. Jeff and wife Beth Rossi anchor things by building Never Better Art Studio in the back of their property as a new headquarters to operate the growing creative enterprise.

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Beth's Dad Ray Rossi helps invest in the purchase of digital printing equipment

This side of the business allows for a substantial expansion in capability to print full color, die cut stickers in any shape. By 2008 the high sonoran desert is well established as home to the artists of Root Concepts with Scott living in Durango, Jon in Denver and Jeff in Prescott.



# Art. Craft Beer. Solar Car Racing.

The business settles into its office location and continues to expand on both the artistic and custom sides. Since 2000 Jeff has been the primary artist creating new Root Concepts

art. In 2012 Jon is in the middle of directing Exported From Michigan, a documentary film about Michigan's comeback story. Jeff is a big part of the collaboration, earning a producer credit. It will go on to win Best Documentary honors at three of the seven film festivals it's shown in including ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.



eff Daverman \* Photo: Ray Rossi



Jon Vander Pol Photo: Luke Massman-Johnson



cott Rahilly + Photo: Self

Root Concepts

going strong with new artwork debuting in this catalog and regularly on neverbetter.com. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the journey for the last 20 years.

Jeff spends time daily creating art at Never Better Studio and has a new venture in the works focused on nonviolent revolutionaries.

Jon works every day in his garden and is getting ready to make another documentary film about spirituality and technology.

Scott runs the Durango Book Rescue, promoting literacy and education through the distribution of free books. He is also part of the tech team at several regional film festivals.



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We are thrilled to debut a new line of indoor/outdoor magnets! Heavyweight with a UV gloss finish thay can be used on a car or fridge! They are a little bigger than the small bumper sticker and mini sticker variations. (Long rectangles are approx. 1.8 x 6.6 inches and circular magnets are approx. 3.45 x 3.45 inches.)



Root Concepts lip balm is handmade with love using only the best organic ingredients including unrefined Arizona beeswax and a blend of organic oils. It is soy free. Each individually wrapped black tube is made of 100% recycled plastic and features some of our best selling Root Concepts artwork. Weight 0.15 oz.

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For more info on the lip balm scan here





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