Make a bid for piece of the Grateful Dead

By Laura Brooks

The first time poster artist and printer Jack Shirey heard the Grateful Dead, he was attending school in Indiana. He went to see them in the early 1960s, and has been a fan ever since. But he never planned to make a career out of it. In the mid-1980s, he established Shirey Printing and began creating posters for the band. Since then, he has created over 200 different posters for the Grateful Dead, selling them at concerts and through his website.

Shirey's posters are a popular item among Deadheads, and he has been featured in several books about the band. In 2011, the Grateful Dead donated a collection of his posters to the National Museum of American History, where they are now on display.

A detail of "Conversation #4" by Shirey, based on his memories of the talks around his father's bridge table in the Brains era.