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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

"Plein Air Paintings - from the Carolinas and Beyond", UNCC Student Union Art Gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2016

"While the City Sleeps: Night Paintings", UNCC Student Union Art Gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2014

"Painting from Life - Plein Air and Still Life", Florence Thomas Art Gallery, West Jefferson, NC, 2014

Recent Work, Stanly County Agri-Civic Center and Falling Rivers Gallery, Albemarle, NC, 2011

Recent Works, Annmarie Garden Gallery, Solomons, MD, 2006

AWARDS

2nd Place, *Alise with Her Head in the Clouds*, "Spring Into Art", Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC, 2017

Honorable Mention competition, **2nd Place** Quick Draw, Harford County Plein Air, Bel Air, MD, 2016

Honorable Mention, *Wil-Cox Bridge, Morning*, NC Open Plein Air, Salisbury, NC, 2016

1st Place, *Corner of Glenwood and Washington*, Quick Draw Rehearsal, Plein Air Easton, Easton, MD, 2016

Honorable Mention, *Graffiti at the Lock*, Plein Air Richmond 2016, Richmond, VA, 2016

Second Place Overall, *In Hope of Spring*, Dec 2015/Jan 2016 Plein Air Salon, *PleinAir Magazine*, 2016

Honorable Mention, *Jax*, Members Only Competition, Portrait Society of America, 2015

Honorable Mention, *Jacob in Winter*, Artistic Excellence competition, *Southwest Art Magazine*, 2015

Best Work Overall, Plein Air Crush Weekend, Floyd, VA, 2015

First Place, *In Hope of Spring*, Fifth Round, TRAC2015 Online Art Competition, 2015

Allied Artists of America Award, *Loading Docks*, National Midyear, Butler Institute, Youngstown, OH, 2015

Finalist, *Jacob in Winter*, On-Line International Spring Juried Exhibit, NOAPS, 2015

Honorable Mention, *Loading Docks*, "Spring Into Art", Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC, 2015

Best in Show, *Jacob in Winter*, Richeson75 Figure/Portrait Competition, Kimberly, WI, 2014

Finalist, Portrait/Figure Category, *Jacob in Winter*, 31st Annual Art Competition, *The Artist's Magazine*, 2014

Certificate of Excellence, *Jacob in Winter*, International Portrait Competition, Portrait Society of America, 2014

2nd Place, *Christmas Tree Lot*, "Spring Into Art", Charlotte Art League, NC, 2014

Best in Show, *Night Shift*, "Spring Into Art", Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC, 2013

Finalist, *Night Shift*, "You Be the Judge Art Contest", Online Competition, 2013

Honorable Mention, *Night Shift*, Annual Juried Competition, Arts Council of York County, Rock Hill, SC, 2012

2nd Place, *House Fire*, Spring Exhibit, LKN Art League, Davidson, NC, 2010

1st Place, *Bulldozer in the Clearing*, Fall Exhibit, LKN Art League, Davidson, NC, 2009

1st Place, and **Viewer's Choice**, *Navel Orange*, Small Works, LKN Art League, Davidson, NC, 2008

3rd Place, *Distant City Lights*, Spring Exhibit, LKN Art League, Cornelius, NC, 2008

3rd Place, *Green*, Viewer's Choice Show, Mooresville Artist Guild, Mooresville, NC, 2007

1st Place, *Cast Shadows*, Fall Exhibit, Lake Norman Art League, Cornelius, NC, 2007

3rd Place, *Harvest* etching, Fall Artoberfest, Mooresville Artist Guild, Mooresville, NC, 2007

Best in Show, *Clouds Over the Lake*, Spring Show, Lake Norman Art League, Davidson, NC, 2007

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

"Ten", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2017

"Capturing Light", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2017

"Small Works", Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA, 2016 / 2015

"6x9: Limited Size, Unlimited Talent", Portrait Society of America, 2017 / 2016 / 2015

The Art Shop, Greensboro, NC, 2017 / 2016

Winter Show, GreenHill, Greensboro, NC, 2015

TRAC2015 Invitational Art Exhibition, The Representational Art Conference, Ventura Beach, CA, 2015
"In the Landscape", Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Salisbury, NC, 2015
79th National Midyear Show, Butler Institute, Youngstown, OH, 2015
"Spring Into Art Juried Exhibit", Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC, 2015 / 2014 / 2013
Portrait Paint Off, featured artist, ClearWater Artist Studios, Concord, NC, 2016 / 2015
Richeson75 Figure/Portrait, Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI, 2014 / 2012
"Discover Local", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2014
"Human Nature", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2014
Charlotte Artery, Charlotte, NC, 2013 / 2012 / 2011 / 2010
Richeson75 Small Works, Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI, 2013 / 2008
"High Five", Fifth Anniversary Exhibition, Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2012
"23rd Annual Juried Competition", Arts Council of York County, Rock Hill, SC, 2012
"Making Arrangements", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2011
"Recent Works: Paul Keysar and Kat Knutsen", Artworks on Main, Mooresville, NC, 2010
"Multi-Tasking", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2010
"Teaching Talents: Instructor and Staff Exhibition", Cornelius Arts Center, Cornelius, NC, 2009 / 2008
"American Art Today: Juried Works", The Bascom, Highlands, NC, 2009
"ELEMENTary - The Basics: Air, Earth, Fire, Water", Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2009
"Realism Found: Charlotte Artists Find New Meaning in an Old Tradition", Queen's Gallery, Charlotte, NC, 2009
"Small Treasures" Exhibit, Mint Hill Arts, Mint Hill, NC, 2008
Juried Alumni Exhibition, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA, 2008
"Art of the Landscape", Merrill-Jennings Galleries, Davidson, NC, 2008
"Small Wonders" National Juried Exhibit, MD Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD, 2007
Richeson75 Landscapes and Interiors, Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI, 2007
"Deck the Walls", Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, MD, 2006
"Brush with Art" International Juried Exhibit, Riverview Gallery, Havre de Grace, MD, 2005

PLEIN AIR COMPETITIONS

Floyd Plein Air Festival, invited artist, Floyd, VA, 2017
Paint It! Ellicott City, juried artist, Ellicott City, MD, 2017
Paint Annapolis, juried artist, Annapolis, MD, 2017
Paint the Town, Chestertown, MD, 2017
Harford County Plein Air, juried artist, Bel Air, MD, 2016
Bath County Plein Air Festival, juried artist, Warm Springs, VA, 2016
NC Open Plein Air, Salisbury, NC, 2017 / 2016 / 2015
Plein Air Richmond, juried artist, Richmond, VA, 2016
Queen City Plein Air, invited artist, Staunton, VA, 2016
Plein Air Crush Weekend, Floyd, VA, 2015

GRANTS RECEIVED

Regional Artist Project Grant, Arts and Science Council, Charlotte, NC, 2016/2017
Regional Artist Project Grant, Arts and Science Council, Charlotte, NC, 2010/2011

LECTURE/DEMO EXPERIENCE

These are places I have been invited to speak and demonstrate:
Plein Air Painting, Northwest School of the Arts, Charlotte, NC, 2016
Night Painting, Matthews Artist Guild, Matthews, NC, 2015
Landscape Painting, Mint Hill Arts, Mint Hill, NC, 2014
Landscape Painting, Florence Thomas Art School, West Jefferson, NC, 2014
Painting, Greyfriars Classical Academy, Matthews, NC, 2012
Faith in Art, ArtGroup, Clyde, NC, 2012
Still Life Painting, Cabarrus Art Guild, Concord, NC, 2011

Painting the Landscape with Walnut Ink, Stanly Arts Guild, Albemarle, NC, 2010
Still Life Painting, Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC, 2010
Plein Air Painting, Matthews Artist Guild, Matthews, NC, 2009

JUDGING EXPERIENCE

I served as judge of awards for the following competitions:

Spring Exhibit, Cabarrus Art Guild, Concord, NC, 2017
Capturing Mint Hill, plein air competition, Mint Hill, NC, 2016
Summer Art Explosion Annual Competition, Stanly Arts Guild, Albemarle, NC, 2014
Fall Exhibit, Cabarrus Art Guild, Concord, NC, 2013
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Silver Arts and Senior Games, Charlotte, NC, 2013 and 2011

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- *Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine*, May/June 2017, "Today's Masters: More Than Just Faces", *Alise with Her Head in the Clouds* painting, page 70.
- *Plein Air Magazine*, April/May 2016, *In Hope of Spring* painting and article page 103.
- *Southwest Art Magazine*, December 2015, *Jacob in Winter* painting on cover, article on page 65.
- The Art of TRAC2015 Catalog.
- "Local Artist Wins Award in National Contest," *The Charlotte Observer*, 29 July 2015, featured painting *Loading Docks*.
- Independent Tribune, January 21, 2014, 'Human Nature' exhibit showcases 13 Southern artists, and featured painting *Jacob in Winter*.
- *Carolina Arts*, January 2014, *Jacob in Winter* painting featured on cover, article pgs 22, 24.
- *Lake Norman Currents*, January 2014, *Letter from the Editor*, page 8; *Lori's Larks - The Artist's Way*, page 80.
- *American Art Collector*, September 2010, *Landscape Art Today*.
- September 2009 article in *The Charlotte Observer's University City Magazine*, 'The Arts Issue - 7 Artists Shaping Our Community', page 30, "Capturing Nature".
- *English Pointer* painting featured in January/February 2008 *Garden & Gun Magazine* in the article "Good Dog".
- Work—including *Harvesting; Nellysford, Virginia*; and *Goose Creek, Virginia*—reviewed for the Featured Artist of the Week article for September 5, 2007, on the EmptyEasel.com Blog.
- *Winter's Walk, Paris, VA*, published on the January 2007 cover of the *Journal of Financial Service Professionals*.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Portrait Society of America, Annual Conference, 2014-2017

- Responsibilities have included conducting portfolio reviews, assisting in running the mystery art sale, monitoring breakout sessions, managing the welcome table, and answering attendees questions.

ClearWater Artist Coalition, 2013-2017

- Served as Vice President 2014-2016, attend board and general membership meetings, help curate exhibitions, install/de-install exhibits, review and recommend revision to by-laws, screen applications for artist tenants, marketing gallery events

Cabarrus Arts Council, 2015

- Served on the board of the Visual Arts Committee brainstorming and planning ideas to have a greater impact on and reach more people with the arts in Cabarrus County.

Lake Norman Art League, 2007-2010

- Assist in writing call for entries for juried exhibits, receive/curate/install work for exhibits, repair gallery walls between exhibits, help plan monthly membership meetings, oversee critique sessions

AFFILIATIONS

Current: Portrait Society of America, Oil Painters of America, ClearWater Artist Coalition, Campagna Society of Artists, North Carolina Plein Air Painters, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Association

Past: Charlotte Artery, Fine Artists Marketing Salon, Mint Hill Arts, Lake Norman Art League, Mooresville Artist Guild, Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA — 4-year Certificate in Painting, 2000

Carolyn Egeli Fine Artist, Valley Lee, MD — Apprenticeship, 1997-1998

Maurice J. McDonough High School, Pomfret, MD — Diploma, 1995

Anatomy - The Torso workshop with Robert Liberace — The Art League School, Alexandria, VA, 2011

Painting from Life workshop with Dan Thompson — The Art League School, Alexandria, VA, 2011

Still Life, Figure Drawing, Figure Painting classes — The Art League School, Alexandria, VA, 1993-1995

COLLECTIONS

Community Bank of Tri-County, King George, VA, and Leonardtown, MD

Systems and Computer Technology, Philadelphia, PA

Centennial Street Salon, La Plata, MD

Private Collections throughout:

AZ, CA, DC, DE, FL, GA, LA, MD, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, Canada