

Tony Armendariz

Contemporary Realist Painting

Curriculum Vitae

Tony Armendariz, (b. 1964, USA)

Education

1986 American Academy of Art, AA/Graphic Art

Awards and Honors

- 2020 **Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award**
American Artists Professional League '92nd Grand National Exhibition', New York, NY
Merit Award
'50th Annual International Exhibition', Louisiana Watercolor Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 **Blick Materials Art Award I**
'43rd Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society, Kent, CT
Bill and Magda Peregrin Memorial Award
'51st Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West, Brea, CA
Second Place
'Real People 2019', The Old Courthouse Arts Center, Woodstock, IL
First Place
'40th Annual International Juried Exhibition', Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Lancaster, PA
Purchase Award
'79th Annual International Open Exhibition', Northwest Watercolor Society, Shoreline, WA
Honorable Mention
'26th Biennale, National Juried Exhibition' Art League of Hilton Head, Hilton Head, SC
- 2018 **Best in Show**
'42nd Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society, Kent, CT
Excellence Award
'68th Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association, Vernon, CT
- 2017 **HK Holbein Watercolor Award,**
'67th Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association, Vernon, CT
- 2015 **Mary Lou Fitzgerald Memorial Award**
'102nd Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
- 2014 **Artist Project Grant**
Illinois Arts Council
Second Place, Other Media
'Richeson 75 International: Small Works', Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI
Honorable Mention
'AMERICA'S PARKS through the Beauty of Art 2'

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- 2013 **Murray Rosenberg Memorial Award/Aquamedia**
'71st Annual National Exhibition of the Audubon Artists' Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
Technique/Skill category award
'Summer Theme Show 2013', The American Artists Professional League, New York, NY
Watercolor Artist of the Year
'Art Comes Alive 2013', Art Design Consultants, Inc., Cincinnati, OH
Outstanding Watercolor (March)
'FASO BoldBrush Online Painting Competition'
Best of Show
'Winter Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild, Elmhurst, IL
- 2012 **Juror's Award**
'6th Annual Paint the Parks Exhibition' Mini Top 50, El Dorado, Kansas
M. Graham & Co. Award
'36th Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society, Kent, CT
Honorable Mention
'Summer Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild, Elmhurst, IL
- 2011 **Honorable Mention**
'32nd Annual International Juried Exhibition', Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, West Chester, PA
First Place, Non-oils
'Richeson 75 International: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural', Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI
- 2010 **Award of Artistic Achievement**
'Florida West Arts National Exhibition', Florida West Arts Gallery, Bonita Springs, FL
John Collins Memorial Award
'82nd Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League, New York, NY
Honorable Mention
'18th Annual Best of the Best Exhibit', the Alliance of Fine Art, Oak Brook, IL
Honorable Mention
'Watercolor '10', Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
- 2009 **Best of Show**
'Winter Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild, Elmhurst, IL
Second Place
'Impressions in Watercolor VI', Lakes Region Watercolor Guild, North Chicago, IL
Second Place (Water Media)
'Richeson 75 International: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural', Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI
First Place
'Summer Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild at the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Award of Distinction
'Watercolor '09', Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
- 2008 **Honorable Mention**
'Impressions in Watercolor V', Lakes Region Watercolor Guild, North Chicago, IL
Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award
American Artists Professional League '80th Grand Nat'l Exhibition', New York, NY
Second Place, Water Media
'Richeson 75 International: Figure/Portrait', Richeson Gallery, Kimberly, WI
Second Place
'16th Annual Best of the Best Exhibit', Alliance of Fine Art, Oak Brook, IL

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Award of Recognition and purchase by the Norris Cultural Arts Center

'Watercolor '08', Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL

First Place (Watercolors)

Art Buzz, the Book, Volume 1, The 2008 Collection

2007 **Honorable Mention and People's Choice**

Lakes Region Watercolor Guild's 'Impressions in Watercolor IV', North Chicago, IL

First Place

'People's Choice Awards Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild at the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL

2006 **Honorable Mention**

'Impressions in Watercolor III', Lakes Region Watercolor Guild, North Chicago, IL

Affiliations

- Illinois Watercolor Society – Signature, Executive Director (2007 – 2017)
- Pennsylvania Watercolor Society – Signature-sgg (Sylvan Grouse Guild)
- Missouri Watercolor Society – Signature
- North East Watercolor Society – Signature
- Northwest Watercolor Society
- Academic Artists Association – Signature
- American Artists Professional League – Fellow Maxima Cum Laude (FMCL)
- Allied Artists of America – Elected Artist
- Watercolor West – Signature
- PoetsArtists

Media

- American Art Collector magazine online, June, 2020, 33 Contemporary feature
- *Watercolor Artist* magazine, February, 2020. The Best of the Year: 2019 Showstoppers
- Addison Community Television interview (Addiscene). March, 2015. Essence: Old Yankee Stadium exhibit.
- The Journal newspaper, 'All About Art' feature. August, 2013
- American Art Collector magazine, February, 2011, 'Cityscapes'
- *Watercolor Artist* magazine, October, 2009. 8-page feature article for travel series
- *Artist to Artist with Enid Silverman*. July, 2009. Television interview and painting demonstration

Collections

- University of Whitewater/Wisconsin
- Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center
- Northwest Watercolor Society

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2019 Roberta Fiskum Gallery, 'Contemporary Urban Landscapes' University of Wisconsin/Whitewater, WI

2015 Addison Center for the Arts, Addison, IL

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- 2014 Hilliard Gallery, Kansas City, MO
La Citadelle Gallery, South Barrington, IL
- 2013 Ruth Ray Memorial Gallery at The Illinois Institute of Art - Schaumburg, IL
- 2012 Fermilab Art Gallery, 'Contemporary Realist Painting', Batavia, IL
Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Morton College Art Gallery, 'Cuba', Cicero, IL
- 2008 Square D-Schneider Electric corporate gallery, Palatine, IL
- 1995 Office of the Governor of Illinois, State of Illinois Building, Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, '4th Annual National Juried Exhibition', Wausau, WI
- 2019 RJD Gallery, 'Shades of Light: 11th Annual Hamptons Juried Art Exhibition', Bridgehampton, NY
Hilliard Gallery, '12th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Hilliard Gallery, '10th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2013 Hilliard Gallery, '6th Annual Human Form Show' Kansas City, MO
- 2012 GE's '2012 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibition', Fairfield, CT
Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, 'Group Invitational Show', University of Connecticut, Groton, CT
- 2011 Hilliard Gallery, '4th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2010 Hilliard Gallery, 'Contemporary Realism', Kansas City, MO
- 2009 'Art Off the Main: African, Caribbean & Latin American Art Fair' (online), New York, NY
Aurora Public Art Commission 'Art at City Hall', Aurora, IL
- 2008 'Art Off the Main: African, Caribbean & Latin American Art Fair', New York, NY
Edward Hospital 'Healing Arts Program rotational gallery', Naperville, IL
Raue Center for the Arts, 'Two-man Show', Crystal Lake, IL
- 2007 Northwestern University Settlement's CCT Gallery, 'Natural Wonder', Chicago, IL
Chicago Artists' Coalition 'Chicago Art Open', Chicago, IL

Juror/Judge

- 2021 'North East Watercolor Society Annual Members Exhibition', Kent, CT
- 2019 'Raw Energy' works of the Wisconsin Pastel Artists, Whitewater, WI
- 2015 '67th Grand Detour Arts Festival' Dixon, IL
- 2011 'Riverwalk Fine Art Fair' Naperville, IL
- 2010 'Waiting for Spring', The DuPage Art League, Feb. 2010 exhibit, Wheaton, IL
- 2010 'Art in your Eye', Fine Art Show & Festival - Outdoor Fine Art Show, Batavia, IL
- 2009 'Regional Art Survey 5', The Next Picture Show Fine Art Center, Dixon, IL