

PAUL MURRAY

I'm a curious person. My paintings are not so much statements as they are a series of questions. Albert Einstein said the "Mysterious is the most wonderful thing we can experience. It is the source of all Science and Art." As long as I can see things and wonder why they are the way they are, I'll continue to grow as a painter. And isn't that one of the great goals in life – to continue over time to get better at what you do?

HONORS:

- Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio, "Selections from the Pastel Society of America Exhibition" 2016, 2009, 2006
- Designated Master Signature Member, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, May 2014
- Cover Artwork, Artist's Magazine, December 2013
- Strokes of Genius 4: North Light Publications/Book, 2012, 2010
- Art Journey America, Landscape: North Light Publications, 2011
- International Association of Pastel Societies, Master Circle, 2011
- Juror, Judge, Santa Fe Contemporary Spanish Market, 2011
- Artist in Residence, Grand Canyon NP, Summer 2010
- Door County Plein Aire Invitational, 2010
- Distinguished Pastellist, Pastel Society of NM
- Elected Master Pastellist, Pastel Society of America
- Landscape Juror, Pastel Journal Top 100 Competition, 2010
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Masterworks of NM, 2008
- Museum of Albuquerque Miniatures Invitational Exhibition, 2015, 14, 12, 11, 10, 09, 08, 07
- University of New Mexico Homecoming Poster Artist, 2006
- Judge, NM State Fair Fine Arts & Crafts Fair, 2006
- Poster Artist, Weem's Artfest, 2005
- Judge for Miniatures, Masterworks of New Mexico, 2005
- Juror for the Rio Grande Artists Association Annual Exhibit, 2005
- Poster Artist, New Mexico Arts & Crafts Fair, 2004
- Signature Memberships, Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of New Mexico, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico

COLLECTIONS

- US State Department, Permanent collection
- Sun Health Care, Corporate collection
- NM State Fair Fine Arts Gallery, Permanent Collection
- City of Albuquerque Public Art Collection
- Endura Associates Corporate Collection
- Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson, PA
- University of New Mexico

RECENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

- **Wholesale Framers Award**, Pastel Society of America, 2019
- **Multiple Honorable Mention Awards**, Pastel Journal Top 100 Competition, 2002 –18.
- **Maggie Price Memorial Award**, IAPS 2013 International Convention
- **Third Place**, Landscape Competition, International Artist Magazine, 2010
- **National Park Service**, Online exhibit of Artists-in-Residence artwork for all National Parks
- **Pastel Journal Top 100**: First Place, Landscape, 2007; **BEST OF SHOW**, Third Place, Landscape, Honorable Mention, Landscape, 2006.
- **Miniature Arts Society of Florida, International Show**,

- First place, Drawing, 2011, First place, Pastel, 2010, Second Place, Acrylic, 2007; Third Place Landscape, 2005; Second Place, Exterior / Architectural, 2004
- **Pastel Society of America International Exhibit**; NY Art Supply Award, 2009, Professional Artists of America Award, 2006, Ridgeway Art Institute Award, 1999
- **Artists Magazine** Finalist, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2005 Competitions, Honorable Mention & Published Image, 2003, Finalist, 2002
- **Arts for the Parks**, Mini 100 and Top 200, 2006; Mini 100, 2005; Mini 100, Top 200, 2004; Top 100, Top 200, Mini 100, 2002
- **International Association of Pastel Societies** Grand Prix 'd Pastel, **(BEST OF SHOW)** 2001

RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- *Artist Magazine*, Annual Calendar, 2014
- *Artist Magazine*, Annual Calendar, 2012
- *Artist Magazine*, Two features on pastel Ground, 2011
- *Artist Magazine*, The Music of Light, October 2007
- *Pastel Journal*, Article on "Skies" *Afterword* Column on final page, Oct. 2005
- *American Artist Magazine*, Six Page Article, April 2004
- *International Artist Magazine* Book, "How did They Paint That?" Page 42, 2004
- *Artist Magazine*, Seven Page Article, January 2003
- *International Artist Magazine*, 10 page Article, January, 2002

RECENT LOCAL AWARDS

- MasterWorks of NM, First Place, Pastel, 2019
- PSNM Small Works Exhibit, First Place, 2017
- People's choice award in both Large Works and Small Paintings, PSNM National Show 2012
- First Place, 2012, Second Place, 2011, First Place 2010, Small works exhibit, Pastel Society of NM National Show
- First Place, 2010, 2007, Third Place, 2008, Rio Grande Arts Association, Encantada Exhibit
- **BEST OF SHOW** Miniature Exhibit, 2007, 2004, 2003, 2002 First Place Miniature Acrylics, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, Popular Choice Award, Miniatures, 2011, 2008, Popular Choice Award, large exhibit, 2012, 2009, 2006, Third place in both Oil and Pastel, 2009, Large Works, Masterworks of New Mexico
- **BEST OF SHOW** Masterworks of New Mexico, Large Exhibit, 2005.
- **BEST OF SHOW** NM Arts & Crafts Fair, 2003
- First Place, Pastel and George Marks Award for Excellence in Southwestern Art, NM State Fair, 1998

EDUCATION: **BFA, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO,**
WITH HONORS

GALLERY AFFILIATIONS:

- Weems Galleries, Albuquerque, NM
- Range Gallery, Bernalillo, NM