

Patrick Saunders Biography

Patrick Saunders is an award-winning artist who travels North America, creating fine art, teaching painting workshops, and judging painting competitions. Patrick paints a variety of subjects, including portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, and florals.

After graduating from the Kansas City Art Institute, Patrick spent a decade as an artist at Hallmark Cards before returning to KCAI to accept a faculty position teaching illustration, painting, animation, and web design. His students voted to honor Patrick with an Educator of the Year award. Teaching led to a job offer in advertising, where, as a Group Creative Director, Patrick led teams of marketing professionals in New York, San Francisco, and globally, producing advertising for clients such as Colgate-Palmolive, Whole Foods, Hill's Pet Food, FedEx, Revlon, Southwest Airlines, Tom's of Maine, Nextel, Skyy, Kashi, and Kellogg's.

Throughout his career, Patrick has been recognized for outstanding work, earning awards from the American Advertising Federation, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, the Web Marketing Association, the Society of Illustrators, Communication Arts, and Oil Painters of America. He was first featured by Southwest Art Magazine in 2000, as one of their 21 Artists to Watch Under 31. Patrick has twice been the cover artist for and featured in Southwest Art Magazine, in September 2018 and in December 2020. He received a gold medal from the Oil Painters of America in 2020.

In 2013, Patrick began plein air painting, and has won awards from numerous nationally recognized events, including Plein Air Easton, the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Maui Plein Air, Lighthouse Plein Air, Sedona Plein Air, the Airstream Fine Art Invitational, Plein Air Texas, Plein Air Richmond, and Telluride Plein Air. He was featured in Plein Air Magazine in 2018.

Patrick is a Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America, and a member of the Portrait Society of America. He is a former Signature Member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, the American Impressionist Society, and the Outdoor Painters Society.

Patrick Saunders Select Awards & Exhibitions

Awards & Honors

Oil Painters of America – Juried Salon Show – Gold Medal – August, 2020
Olmsted Plein Air, Atlanta, GA – Quick Draw, 2nd Place – July, 2020
Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – First Place – March, 2020
Oil Painters of America – Fall Online Showcase – 2nd Place – Nov, 2019
Invitational Exhibition, Riverside Art Center – Best In Show – July, 2019
Olmsted Plein Air, Atlanta, GA – Quick Draw, 2nd Place – April, 2019
Olmsted Plein Air, Atlanta, GA – Best Architectural Award – April, 2019
Portrait Society of America – Certificate of Excellence – March, 2019

Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Third Place – March, 2019
 Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Quick Draw, 2nd Place – March, 2019
 En Plein Air Texas – Artists' Choice Texas Artist Camp Award – October, 2018
 Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Revelite Award – Oct, 2018
 Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Strada Award – October, 2018
 Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – August, 2018
 Richeson75 International Portrait Competition – Finalist – August, 2018
 Plein Air Easton – Best Marine Award – July 2018
 Plein Air Easton – Artists Choice Award, Tilghman Island – July, 2018
 Plein Air Richmond – First Place Quickdraw – June, 2018
 Outdoor Painters Society, Plein Air Southwest, Rockport, TX –
 Plein Air Magazine Award of Excellence – May, 2018
 Airstream Fine Art Invitational – Third Place – May 2018
 Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Second Place – March, 2018
 Maui Plein Air – Makana Aloha Foundation Award – February, 2018
 Maui Plein Air – Collector's Choice Award – February, 2018
 Oil Painters of America, Fall Online Showcase –
 Third Place, Signature Division – December, 2017
 Gateway International Painting Competition –
 Best In Show – November, 2017
 En Plein Air Texas – Third Place – October, 2018
 Sedona Plein Air – Judge's Choice Award – October, 2017
 Plein Air Easton – Imagine Two Futures Award – July, 2017
 Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air – Second Place – June, 2017
 Plein Air Richmond – Best In Show – June, 2017
 Buck's County Plein Air – Third Place Quick Draw – June, 2017
 Buck's County Plein Air – Third Place Overall – June, 2017
 Airstream Fine Art Invitations – People's Choice Award – May, 2017
 Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival – People's Choice Award – May 2017
 Plein Air KC – Kansas City, MO - Judge – May, 2017
 Plein Air On the White River – Cotter, AR – Judge – April, 2017
 En Plein Air Texas – Second Place – October, 2016
 Sedona Plein Air Festival, Sedona AZ – Best of Show – October, 2016
 Sedona Plein Air Festival, Sedona AZ –
 First Place, Main Street Paint Out – October, 2016
 Paint the Peninsula, Port Angeles, WA –
 Olympic Rangers Interpretation Award – August, 2016
 Paint the Peninsula, Port Angeles, WA – First Place Paintout – August, 2016
 Plein Air Easton – 3rd Place, Small Painting Sunday – July, 2016
 Plein Air Easton – Life On the Farm Award – July, 2016
 Easels In Frederick – Best Use of Light Award Winner – June, 2016
 Paint Annapolis – People's Choice Award Winner – June, 2016
 Penn Valley Park Plein Air Fest – Best In Show – May 2016
 Outdoor Painter's Society, Plein Air Southwest, Dallas, TX –
 Artist's Choice Award Winner – April, 2016
 Paint the Town, Marble Falls, TX – Best In Show – March 2016
 Telluride Plein Air – Artist's Choice, 3rd Place – July, 2015
 Augusta Plein Air – Best of Show – April, 2015

Exhibitions

Bosque Art Classic, Bosque Art Center – Clifton, TX – September, 2020
 Oil Painters of America Juried Salon Show – August, 2020

Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
RS Hanna Gallery – Fredericksburg, TX – August, 2020

Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition,
Beverly McNeil Gallery – Birmingham, AL – October, 2019

American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Salmagundi Club – New York, NY – September, 2019

Bosque Art Classic, Bosque Art Center – Clifton, TX – September, 2019

Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Illume Gallery of Fine Art – St George, UT – June, 2019

Richeson75 Figure/Portrait Exhibition – Richeson School of Art –
Kimberly, WI – October, 2018

American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Peninsula School of Art – Fish Creek, WI – September, 2018

Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna Beach, CA – July, 2018

Oil Painters of America 2018 Juried Salon Show,
Crooked Tree Arts Center – Traverse City, MI – June, 2018

Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Steamboat Art Museum – Steamboat Springs, CO – June, 2018

Airstream Fine Art Invitational – Riverside Art Center – Wapakoneta, OH –
May, 2018

American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase,
Greenwich House Gallery – Cincinnati, OH – March, 2017

American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Montgomery Lee Fine Art – Park City, Utah – September, 2017

Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna Beach, CA – June, 2017

Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Eisele Gallery of Fine Art – Cincinnati, OH – May, 2017

Alumapalooza 8, Airstream Fine Art Invitational –
Jackson Center, OH – May, 2017

Plein Air Southwest Salon, Southwest Gallery – Dallas, TX – April, 2017

American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase,
Randy Higbee Gallery – Costa Mesa, CA – March, 2017

Signature Impressions, Laguna Plein Air, Huntington Beach Art Center –
Huntington Beach, CA – November, 2016

Art & Nature, Laguna Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna, CA – October, 2016

American Masters Exhibition, Salmagundi Club – New York, NY –
September, 2016

Plein Air Southwest Salon, Southwest Gallery – Dallas, TX – April, 2016

Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition
Cutter & Cutter Fine Art – St. Augustine, FL – May, 2015