

Brent J. Rowley

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EDUCATION

Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR
Master of Arts in TESOL. Graduated in 2017.

Hendrix College, Conway, AR
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. Graduated in 2011.

EXHIBITIONS

2023 – Solo exhibition, *Let Everything Happen to You*, River Valley Arts Center; Russellville, AR

2022 – Two-person exhibition, *Quiet Power: Recent work by Karen Kurta Jensen and Brent Rowley*, Bisignano Art Gallery, University of Dubuque; Dubuque, IA

2022 – *7th Year Anniversary Juried Exhibition*, juried by Laura Terry, Lakeisha Edwards, and Shannon Dillard Mitchell, Local Color Studio Gallery; Fayetteville, AR

2022 – Solo exhibition, “The Light of the Body is the Eye,” *Emerging Artist Series*, The In Art Gallery; Online

2021 – *Mid-Southern Watercolorists 51st Annual Juried Exhibition*, juried by Tom Francesconi, Hot Springs Convention Center; Hot Springs, AR

2020 – Honorable mention, *South Arkansas Art Center Under Quarantine Art Competition*; El Dorado, AR

RESIDENCIES

2021 – Sarasvati Creative Space; Hohenwald, TN (February 1 – April 5)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2023 – Arts Instructor, River Valley Arts Center; Russellville, AR

BIOGRAPHY

Brent J. Rowley was born and raised in Arkansas. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Hendrix College and master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages from Arkansas Tech University. He traveled the world as an English language instructor for nearly a decade, living and working in the countries of Georgia, Russia, and Japan.

While traveling throughout Europe and Asia, he created small-scale watercolor paintings of the places he visited. A turning point in his creative journey came in 2021 during a two month stay at the Sarasvati Creative Space artist residency in Hohenwald, Tennessee. As a result, his paintings expanded into large-scale mixed media works that incorporated the array of experiences, philosophies, and artistic influences he had amassed from his travels and studies. The breakthrough at Sarasvati led to an outpouring of paintings and drawings and continues to inspire his present work.

Brent currently lives and works out of his apartment/studio in Russellville, Arkansas. He is an instructor at the River Valley Arts Center where he gives classes on drawing and water media. While still considering himself a watercolorist at heart, his new work employs an ever-expanding range of media, including wax pastel, charcoal, acrylic ink, india ink, alcohol ink, and various synthetic papers. He has exhibited throughout the state of Arkansas and nationally.