JOHN P. LASATER IV

ARTIST STATEMENT

As a representational painter, I’m attracted to the variety of formal possibilities in a motif; characteristics like the shapes of shadows or the colors of forms. I respond with playfulness, then objectivity, then moments of raw emotion, which often look like rescuing the effort with a unified simplification, or messing it up to give myself more problems to solve.

My hopes going forward are to integrate an ever-developing love of art history, and a deeper reliance on my imagination. It’s wonderful to spend a portion of my time giving back, and I hope to continue inspiring through writing and teaching; and more importantly, through a life dedicated to artistry.

BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, John P. Lasater IV is an award-winning artist who now lives, paints and teaches in Siloam Springs, located in the beautiful hills of Northwest Arkansas. Lasater once known for his impressionistic style and bravado brushwork, has recently evolved under the mentorship of Jerusalem Master, Israel Hershberg, as well as from his travels to Italy and in depth historical and experimental self-studies. His recent works have matured to a quieter, more thought out and simplistic approach, giving himself more time and focus on each painting.

Lasater has been a main figure on the plein air scene for several years, considered by many to be one of the best in the genre in American outdoor painting. He has won many awards including Best of Show twice in Easels in Frederick, Best of Show twice in the Plein Air Southwest Salon, and Best of Show in Plein Air Rockies just to name a few. Most recently Lasater has taken to his studio where he is creating more calculated and ambitious works, and although outdoor painting will likely always hold an important place in his process, he believes these new studio works to be the next step for him in his trek to wherever he is going.

MEMBERSHIPS

Laguna Plein Air Painters Association – Signature Member

Outdoor Painters Society – Master Signature Member

Oil Painters of America

AWARDS

2021 "2ND PLACE", Plein Air Southwest, Galveston, Texas (Judge: Roger Dale Brown)

2020 "Award of Merit", Door County Plein Air Festival, Wisconsin (Judge: Randall Sexton)

2020 "Judges Award", Olmsted Plein Air Invitational, Atlanta, Georgia

2019 "1ST PLACE", Door County Plein Air Festival, Wisconsin

2019 "Top 100", BP Portrait Award

2018 “2ND PLACE”, Door County Plein Air Festival, Wisconsin (Judge: C.W. Mundy)

2017 “BEST OF SHOW”, Plein Air Southwest Salon, Dallas, Texas (Judge: Kenn Backhaus)

2017 “Spirit of Atlanta (Top 3)”, Olmsted Plein Air Invitational, Atlanta, Georgia

2016 “BEST OF SHOW” and “ARTISTS’ CHOICE”, Easels in Frederick, Maryland

2016 “ARTISTS’ CHOICE” and “COLLECTORS’ CHOICE”, Maui Plein Air Invitational, HI

2015 “BEST OF SHOW”, Sedona Plein Air Festival, Arizona (Judge: Randall Sexton)

2015 “1ST PLACE”, Door County Plein Air Festival, Wisconsin (Judge: Lori Putnam)

2015 “1ST PLACE” and “ARTISTS’ CHOICE”, Plein Air Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado

2015 “Best of Show”, Rice Gallery Juried Plein Air Gallery Exhibition, Kansas City

2015 “2ND PLACE”, Telluride Plein Air, Colorado

2014 “BEST OF SHOW” and “COLLECTORS’ CHOICE”, Easels in Frederick, Maryland

2014 “BEST OF SHOW” Plein Air Southwest Salon, Dallas, Texas (Judge: Jill Carver)

2013 “BEST OF SHOW” and “PEOPLE’S CHOICE” Plein Air on the White River, Arkansas

2012 “BEST OF SHOW” and “ARTISTS’ CHOICE” Plein Air Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado

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