

Bruce Brainard

Biography

Bruce Brainard's love of landscapes developed in his childhood while being raised in a small farming community nestled under the Tetons in the upper Snake River Valley of southeastern Idaho. This love was further intensified as a young man while working in the fields. Bruce observed the surrounding landscape while pondering the meaning of life.

His love of painting landscapes began at Brigham Young University (BYU) while majoring in Fine Art. He finished his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis in oil painting in 1988.

After a brief period developing his craft outside the structure of the university, Bruce returned to BYU and obtained a Master of Fine Arts degree in 1992.

Since graduating, Bruce has been enjoying the pursuit of his "muse," reflecting the quiet certitude of God and nature. He continues to work with this theme. Bruce is represented in several galleries and his work can be seen in numerous collections throughout the United States.

Bruce currently resides in Saratoga Springs, Utah with his wife Lori and their four children. His loves include painting, family, good friends, thought-provoking discussions, reading, cycling, golf, and skiing.

Artist Statement

I love to paint and feel that art can have great power. I believe, as Picasso said, "The purpose of art is to express the great emotions." I have found the greatest emotions not necessarily to be the loud, the sentimental, or even the profane, but rather the quiet, the authentic, and the sacred. I use the landscape and seascape to try and express these emotions.

*"...a painter should paint not only what he sees before him, but also what he sees within himself."*Caspar David Friedrich

Artist Résumé

Born

1962 St. Anthony, ID

Education

1987 B.F.A., Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

1992 M.F.A., Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Gallery Representation

Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, TX

Peter Bartlow Gallery, Chicago, IL

David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN

Awards

2008 *Dixie Invitational*, ST. George, Utah. "First Place Landscape Division," Juror: Michael Malm, Artist

2003 *79th Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah." Award of Merit", Juror: Alexey Leonivodich Steele, Artist, Los Angeles, California and Juror: Ellie Sonntag Stephens, Art Historian and Consultant, Salt Lake City, Utah

1988 *Art Reach '88*, Salt Lake City, Utah. "Purchase Award," Juror: Henry T. Hopkins, curator Frederick Wiesman Collection , Los Angeles, California.

1988 *Harris Fine Arts Center Annual Show*, Provo, Utah. "Juror's Choice Award."

1987 *B.F.A. Show*, Brigham Young University, Provo Utah, "First Place," Juror: Wayne Kimball, Artist.

Solo Exhibitions

2007 David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN

2006 Gremillion & Co. fine Art, Houston, TX

2005 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Houston, TX

2005 Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT

2002 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc. Houston, TX

2002 David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN

2002 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. Inc., Austin, TX

2001 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. Inc., Houston, TX

1998 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. Inc., Houston, TX

1997 Lisa Kurts Gallery, Memphis, TN

1996 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. Inc., Houston, TX

Wyndy Morehead Fine Arts, New Orleans, LA

1995 Macon & Co., Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, TN

1994 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art. Inc., Houston, TX

Macon & Co., Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

1992 Macon & Co., Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

1987 Harris Fine Arts Center, Provo, UT

Group Exhibitions

2008 *Dixie Invitational*, Eccles Fine Art Center, Dixie State College, St. George, UT

2006 *Sweetwater Rescue*, The Willie and Martin Handcart story (invitational), Museum of Church History and Art, Salt Lake City, UT

- 2003 *79th National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 2002 *Utah Art 2002*, Michael Quick, Director, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Juror, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2001 *77th National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 2000 *The Landscape: Bruce Brainard & Phillip Tarlow*, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Austin, TX
- 1999 *75th National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 1998 *Seven Artists in Seven Countries:: Brad Aldridge, Bruce Brainard, Ron Richmond, Todd Stilson, Chris Thornock, Michael Workman & Chris Young* ;(An exhibition of paintings inspired by their European Tour), Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 1998 *74th National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 1998 *Wulf Barsh & Bruce Brainard*, Macon & Co., Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
- 1997 *Three Visions: Michael Workman, Bruce Brainard & David Lynn*, Meyer Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1995 *71st National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT
- 1992 *The Landscape: Insight and Encounter*, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, TX
- 1992 *Introductions*, Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 1992 *Introduction Paintings*, Grover Thurston Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1988 *Mountain West Biennial Paper Works*, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, UT

1988 *64th National Spring Salon*, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, UT

1987 *Harris Fine Arts Center Annual Show*, Provo, UT. Juror's Choice Award

Selected Collections

Time Warner Communications, Houston, TX

Memorial Hermann Hospital System, Houston, TX

Kemmons-Wilson Companies, Memphis, TN

Ritz Carlton, Naples, FL

Herman Hospital, Houston, TX

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT

Peter Bartlett, Provo, UT

Lee Bartlett, Provo, UT

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Cokinos, Bosien & Young, Houston, TX

Credit Suisse, Chicago, IL

Credit Suisse, New York, NY

The Landmarks Group, Atlanta, GA

National Congress of Art and Design, Salt Lake City, UT

Ohio University, Athens, OH

The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Rock & Lietz, P.C., Atlanta, GA

Don & Pam Smith, Atlanta, GA

Kaaren Thomas, Vinson & Elkins, Houston, TX

United Parcel Service, Atlanta, GA

William's Dye & Mold, Atlanta, GA

Clyde & Carol Williams, Atlanta, GA