

Christopher Reid

Born July 1st 1975 Discovery, Transvaal, South Africa

Christopher Reid is an internationally recognized artist that paints everything from portraits to landscapes to wildlife. Reid paints in pastel, acrylic, watercolor, and charcoal. His style has been described as “contemporary realism with an emphasis on color and depth.”

Reid was born in South Africa, but moved to the US with his family at an early age. There he studied art at the famous Savannah College of Art & Design. He founded an advertising firm to pay for his college and worked in graphic design for many years before returning his focus to his true love of fine art. He moved back to South Africa in 2015 to spend time with family and explore his homeland's scenery and culture.

Artist's Statement

“I am passionate about art, enjoy the act of creation, and hope to help people who view my artwork appreciate the beauty already around them. Too many people stumble through life without enjoying nature. Art is a form of communication and it is as important what you say as how you say it. I am an optimist at heart and I choose to use my art to talk about beauty. Since nature provides the inspiration for art, I enjoy painting en plein air so that I can be out in nature and incorporate all the senses into my paintings and better communicate an experience of the place. When I paint from photographs, I am able to incorporate all the information I have observed from direct experience about color and light into my paintings. My portraits are informed by the thousands of life drawings I have done.”

Selected Exhibitions

2017

2017 SANLAM Portrait Awards Top 100
Kalfiefee Juried Art Exhibition 2017, Hermanus, South Africa
2017 Tollman Bouchard Finlayson Tondo Competition, Hermanus, South Africa
Benguela Cove 2017 Life Drawing Exhibition, Hermanus, South Africa
Homecoming : The Art Of Christopher Reid, George, South Africa
WCAS Easter Exhibition, Betty's Bay, South Africa
Touched By Passion, Johannesburg, South Africa
Art Portfolio Exhibition Of Contemporary Art, Kirstenbosch, South Africa
SASA Merit Exhibition, Kirstenbosch, South Africa
CAS Members' Summer Exhibition, Kirstenbosch, South Africa

2016

SASA 110th Annual Exhibition 2016, Kirstenbosch, South Africa
AVA Gallery 2016 Members' Exhibition
Kalfiefee 2016 Juried Art Exhibition
The Cyber Art Show, Bucksport, ME
Hermanus Fyn Arts Tondo Competition, Hermanus, South Africa
SASA Members Exhibit, Kirstenbosch, South Africa
Gallery On The Square, Clarens, South Africa – “Christopher Reid”
Rosebank Art Precinct, Johannesburg, South Africa
Northern Cape Artists Exhibition, Kimberley, South Africa

2015

Jazzcars Gallery, Wilmington, NC – “Reflection: The Art Of Christopher Reid”
Tidal Creek, Wilmington, NC
The American Art Jury “Spring/Summer Show”
Greenhill 2015 Winter Show
“NC Open Plein Air Paint Out”
Landfall Foundation “16th Annual Art Show & Sale”
Boone Community Network “Plein-Air Paint Out”
Maria V. Howard Center “58th National Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition”
Lower Cape Fear Historical Society “Historic Gardens En Plein Air”
Cary Arts Center – “Plein Air Art Auction and Gala”
American Juried Art Salon “22nd International Exhibition”
Wrightsville Beach Museum
Colors Of Humanity Art Gallery “Open 2015 Show”
Canape – “Figuration” Exhibit
Sampson Arts Council “2015 Juried Show”
Fuquay-Varina “2015 Juried Plein Air Paint Out”
City Of Southport “Plein Air Paint-Out”

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Carolina's Got Art "May Competition"
 Carolina's Got Art "June Salon"
 Wilmington Art Association "33rd Annual Juried Spring Show"
 The Artist Table "The Figure – International Competition"
 Contemporary Art Gallery Online "All Paintings International Competition"
 Linus Galleries "Portraiture"
 ArtBar Raleigh "Freeze & Thaw"
 Linus Galleries "The Blue Show"
 Fine Arts League Of Cary "20th Annual Juried Exhibition"
 The Artist Table "Be Still – International Still Life Competition"
 American Juried Art Salon "21st International Exhibition"
 Kinston Community Council For The Arts "Juried Plein Air Paint Out"
 Colors Of Humanity Art Gallery "Open 2015 Show"
 Arts Council of Wayne County "3rd Annual National Juried Fine Arts Exhibition"
2014 Linus Galleries "The Seasons"
 New York Art Collection "Still Life Painting 2014-2015 International Online Juried Art Competition"
 Occasional Art Gallery "Art of Christopher Reid, Ben Sartorius, & Barb Scalia"
 Wrightsville Beach Museum
 Wilmington Art Association "Art In The Arboretum"
 Arts Council Of Wilmington "275th Anniversary Plein Air"
 Cameron Art Museum "State Of The Art/ Art Of The State"

Organizations

South African Society of Artists (SASA)
 Western Cape Artists' Society (WCAS)
 Visual Arts Network South Africa (VANSA)
 Constantiaberg Art Society (CAS)
 International Watercolor Society South Africa (IWSSA)
 South African Portrait Society (SAPS)
 The Country Sketchers
 South African Plein Air Painters (SAPAP)
 Urban Sketchers Cape Town
 Transparent Watercolor Society of America (TWSA)

Selected Awards

2nd Place – SASA Figure/Portrait Competition
 1st Place – Hermanus FynArts Life Drawing Competition (June 2017)
 People's Choice – Jackson's UK Pastel Landscapes Competition (June 2017)
 1st Place – Fun With Acrylic Painting Self Portrait Contest (January 2017)
 1st Place – Footprints Of Audubon contest (January 2017)
 Judges' Award – Western Cape Artists' Society Annual Merit Exhibition (January 2017)
 Best Watercolor – Western Cape Artists' Society Annual Merit Exhibition (January 2017)
 Best Acrylic – Western Cape Artists' Society Annual Merit Exhibition (January 2017)
 3rd Place – Constantiaberg Art Society's Founders Trophy Competition (November 2016)
 Merit Award – Richeson 75's International Animals, Birds & Wildlife (November 2016)
 1st Place – Imagine-Create-Do (July 2016)
 Featured Artist on The Cyber Art Show (July 2016)
 Publisher Choice Award – Art & Beyond – May/June 2016 issue
 Best In Show – International Gallery Of The Arts – Top 100 Open Competition (March 2016)
 1st Place – Weekly Art Battle's Serenity Contest (December 2015)
 1st Place – World Of Art Awards (September 2015)
 Best In Category – Landfall Foundation's 16th Annual Art Show & Sale (August 2015)
 2nd Place – Boone Community Network Plein Air Paint Out (August 2015)
 1st Place – in For The Love Of Water contest (July 2015)
 1st Place – Fathers That Love Their Children contest (June 2015)
 1st Place – Action Watercolor Paintings contest (June 2015)
 2nd Place – Action Watercolor Paintings contest (June 2015)
 2nd Place – A Single Flower contest (June 2015)
 Merit Award – Maria V. Howard Center 58th National Juried Multimedia Art Exhibition (June 2015)
 2nd place – Sajalskder contest (June 2015)
 Selected as Featured Artist on Weebly blog (June 2015)
 1st place – Inner Insect contest (June 2015)
 1st place – Paintings Of An Actual Dream contest (June 2015)

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1st place – 5 Star Artist Featured Contest (June 2015)
 2nd place – Cary Plein Air Paint The Town (May 2015)
 2nd place – Kinston Plein Air Paint-Out (May 2015)
 1st place – Weekly Art Battle's Eyes contest (May 2015)
 1st place – Water And Birds Traditional Paintings contest (May 2015)
 1st place – Portrait Paintings contest (May 2015)
 1st place – New Mexico Paintings contest (May 2015)
 1st place – Rose Paintings contest (May 2015)
 1st place – Cats-Only Paintings contest (May 2015)
 Best In Show – Southport Plein Air Paint-Out 2015 (April 2015)
 Best In Show – Sampson Arts Council 2015 Juried Show (April 2015)
 2nd place – Nature contest (April 2015)
 2nd place – Fuquay-Varina Plein Air Paint-Out (April 2015)
 1st place – Cutest Kittens Ever contest (April 2015)
 2nd place – Nature contest (April 2015)
 1st place – Human Portraits in Watercolor (April 2015)
 2nd place – Un-Celebrity contest (April 2015)
 2nd place – Human Face Expressions contest (April 2015)
 2nd place – Un-Celebrity contest (April 2015)
 1st place – Ideart Spring Show contest (April 2015)
 1st place – Artists Table "The Figure" International Competition (March 2015)
 Honorable mention – Artists Table "The Figure" international competition (March 2015)
 2nd place – International Watercolor Competition (March 2015)
 2nd place- Cephalapod contest (March 2015)
 Honorable mention – Contemporary Art Gallery Online's "All Paintings" international competition (March)
 Juried Exhibition Winner – Linus Galleries Portraiture Show (March 2015)
 Featured as an International Contemporary Emerging Artist (March 2015)
 Chosen as special feature – The Gallery Wall FAA (March 2015)
 1st place – Painted Kittens -Traditional Mediums Only (March 2015)
 1st place – March Hare contest (March 2015)
 2nd place – Favorites contest (March 2015)
 2nd place – Magic of Winter contest (March 2015)
 1st place – Family Pets contest (March 2015)
 1st place – Sad Faces and Feelings contest (March 2015)
 Juried exhibition winner – Linus Gallery's The Blue Show (February 2015)
 Chosen as special feature – FAA Challenge Group (February 2015)
 2nd place – Most Beautiful Cat Painting contest (February 2015)
 2nd place – Rabbits in Drawings & Paintings contest (February 2015)
 1st place – Squirrels Painting and Hand Drawings contest (February 2015)
 2nd place – Eyes Paintings Only contest (January 2015)
 1st place – The American Juried Art Salon's 21st International Exhibition (January 2015)
 Selected as Noteworthy – Colors of Humanity Art Gallery's Open 2015 Show (January 2015)
 Juried Exhibition Winner – Linus Galleries for The Seasons (December 2014)
 Featured – painting of Bobby Szponder – Viet Nam War Memorial
 Portfolio Scholarship – Savannah College of Art & Design (2000)
 SAT Scholarship – Savannah College of Art & Design (2000)
 Full Scholarship – UNCG (1993)

Education

1999-2001 Savannah College Of Art & Design (BFA)
 1997-1999 UNC-Wilmington (Studio Art w/ Minors in Art History, English, French)
 1996-1997 Cape Fear Community College (Photography, Studio Art)
 1993-1994 UNC-Greensboro (Computer Science, Studio Art)
 1992-1993 New Hanover High School (high school diploma)
 1991-1992 Darlington School
 *earned Dean's List every semester at SCAD, UNCW, & CFCC
 **additional courses and degrees: Graphic Design (Associate Degree), Business Administration (Associate Degree), Anatomy (UNC), Marketing, Art History, CIS, Emergency Management, Spanish
 ***extracurricular experience: Seahawk Newspaper, varsity sports (lacrosse, soccer, tennis, volleyball, swimming); chess club, art club, French club, intramural racquetball

Teaching Experience

Reid has taught all levels of students in the US and South Africa in classroom settings and privately, and international students online. He has experience teaching all media and everything from teaching absolute beginners to draw, to advanced-level color theory. He is currently traveling and teaching workshops in South Africa.

Several past students have written testimonials, which are featured on the home page of ReidsArt.com.

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