

Tony Armendariz, (b. 1964, USA)

Contemporary Realist Painting

Curriculum Vitae

Education

1986 AA/Graphic Art, American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL

Awards and Honors

- 2025 **First Place – Ripley**
'International Juried Exhibition', Missouri Watercolor Society – juror, Donfeng Li
Third Place – Wilson Tells It
'Splash 26: The Best of Watercolor', Annual watercolor publication – juror, Stephen Zhang
- 2024 **Mary Bryan Memorial Award and Medal – José**
'111th Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – jurors, Peter Trippi, Gabriella Dellosso
Patrons Award – Luís
'56th Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West – juror, Ken Call
Frank Webb Award of Merit – José
'48th Annual International Exhibition' Transparent Watercolor Society of America – jurors, B. O'Connor, S. Zhang
Finalist – Luís
'Splash 25: The Best of Watercolor', Annual watercolor publication – juror, Thomas Schaller
- 2023 **Honorable Mention – The Liar Returns**
'7th Annual National Juried Exhibition' – juror, David Hummer
Frank Nofer Memorial Award for Transparent Watercolor – Mr. Stripes
'123rd International Exhibition of Works on Paper', Philadelphia Watercolor Society – juror, Ryan Fox
Mary Bryan Memorial Award and Medal – Mr. Stripes
'110th Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, Karli Wurzelbacher
Founders Award – She Has and She Will
'55th Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West – juror, Michael Reardon
Finalist – The World According to Bracelet Man
'Splash 24: The Best of Watercolor', Annual watercolor publication – juror, Jean Haines
- 2022 **Best of Show – Ripley**
'Vicinity 2022', St. Charles, IL – jurors, Lesley Gena, G.E. Colpitts
Second Place – Modern Man
'Associate Members Online Show', American Watercolor Society – juror, Frederick C. Graff
Commended Award – Feeding Nairobi
Watercolor International, Greece – jurors, twelve artists
Finalist – Modern Man
'Splash 23: The Best of Watercolor', Annual watercolor publication – juror, Mary Whyte
- 2021 **Award of Excellence – Modern Man**
'5th Annual National Juried Exhibition' – juror, Peter Trippi
First Place, Other Media – Ripley
'Richeson 75 International: Figure/Portrait' – juror, Kathie Wheeler
Dale Meyers Cooper Award and Medal – Touch of Red
'108th Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, John Simko
Mijello Ultramarine Award – Modern Man
'41st International Exhibition', San Diego Watercolor Society – juror, Michael Holter
Best in Show | Purchase Award | People's Choice Award – Feeding Nairobi
'VMRC 18th Annual National Juried Exhibition' – jurors, C. Almarez, M. Klos, S. Dobbin

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Honorable Mention, Other Media – *The Skeptic*

'Richeson 75 International: Small Works' – juror, Sherri Thomas

- 2020 **Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – *Feeding Nairobi***
'92nd Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League – juror, Peter Trippi
Merit Award – *Touch of Red*
'50th Annual International Exhibition', Louisiana Watercolor Society – juror, Z. Feng
- 2019 **Blick Materials Art Award I – *Mr. Soul***
'43rd Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Ken Call
Bill and Magda Peregrin Memorial Award – *Touch of Red*
'51st Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West – juror, Keiko Tanabe
Second Place – *Mr. Soul*
'Real People 2019' – juror, Joyce Polance
First Place – *Man from Jaimanitas*
'40th Annual International Juried Exhibition', Pennsylvania Watercolor Society – juror, Matthew Bird
Purchase Award – *Cuban Man*
'79th Annual International Open Exhibition', Northwest Watercolor Society – juror, Don Andrews
Honorable Mention – *Weight of the Work*
'26th Biennale, National Juried Exhibition Art League of Hilton Head' – juror, Alan Flattmann
- 2018 **Best in Show - *Dave***
'42nd Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Joel Popadics
Excellence Award - *Dave*
'68th Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association – jurors, Steve Wilda, Gerarde Doucette
- 2017 **HK Holbein Watercolor Award – *Up and Down River Street***
'67th Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association – jurors, Robert O'Brien, John Traynor
- 2015 **Mary Lou Fitzgerald Memorial Award – *Stan's***
'102nd Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, Dr. Carol Lowrey
- 2014 **Artist Project Grant**
Illinois Arts Council
Second Place, Other Media – *Small World*
'Richeson75 International: Small Works' – juror, James Gurney
Honorable Mention – *Illinois & Michigan Canal, Lock 1*
'AMERICA'S PARKS through the Beauty of Art 2' – jurors, M. Stephen Doherty, T. Wilkinson, P. Dean Cable
- 2013 **Murray Rosenberg Memorial Award/Aquamedia – *Croatian Lace***
'71st Annual National Exhibition of the Audubon Artists' – jurors, Meghan Melvin, Patrick Murphy
Technique/Skill category award – *A Classic She B*
'Summer Theme Show 2013', The American Artists Professional League
Watercolor Artist of the Year – *Flying Their Red, White & Blue*
'Art Comes Alive 2013', Art Design Consultants, Inc.
Outstanding Watercolor – *Croatian Lace*
'FASO BoldBrush Online Painting Competition (March)' – juror, Eric Bowman
Best of Show - *Chartered*
'Winter Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild – juror, Jennifer Mannebach
- 2012 **Juror's Award – *Castillo de San Cristobal***
'6th Annual Paint the Parks Exhibition' Mini Top 50
M. Graham & Co. Award - *Chartered*
'36th Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Mel Stabin

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- 2011 **Honorable Mention – Fixed Reception**
'32nd Annual International Juried Exhibition', Pennsylvania Watercolor Society – juror, Carla O'Connor
First Place, Non-oils – Fixed Reception
'Richeson75 International: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural' – juror, Joye Moon
- 2010 **Award of Artistic Achievement – Shapes of Color**
'Florida West Arts National Exhibition'
John Collins Memorial Award – Flying Their Red, White & Blue
'82nd Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League – jurors, G. Erbe, M. Ginsburg, N. Shanks
Honorable Mention – Rustic Door County
'18th Annual Best of the Best Exhibit', the Alliance of Fine Art
- 2009 **Best of Show – Rustic Door County**
'Winter Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild – juror, Laura Lein-Svencner
Second Place, Water Media – Red Brick Series, 2
'Richeson75 International: Landscape, Seascape & Architectural' – juror, Liz Haywood-Sullivan
First Place – Shapes of Color
'Summer Members' Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild at the Elmhurst Art Museum
- 2008 **Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – Red Brick Series, 2**
'80th Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League – jurors, K. Hansalik, G. Schulman, K. Urakubo
Second Place, Water Media – Comfortable in Her Own Skin
'Richeson75 International: Figure/Portrait' – juror, Michael Shane Neal
Second Place – Havana Laundromat
'16th Annual Best of the Best Exhibit', Alliance of Fine Art
Award of Recognition | Purchase Award – Red Brick Series, 3
'Watercolor '08'
First Place /Watercolors
Art Buzz, the Book, Volume 1, The 2008 Collection
- 2007 **Honorable Mention and People's Choice – Havana Laundromat**
Lakes Region Watercolor Guild's 'Impressions in Watercolor IV'
First Place – Havana Laundromat
'People's Choice Awards Show', Elmhurst Artists' Guild

Affiliations

- Allied Artists of America – Elected Artist
- American Artists Professional League – Signature
- American Watercolor Society – Signature
- Illinois Watercolor Society – Signature, Executive Director (2007 – 2017)
- National Watercolor Society – Signature
- Pennsylvania Watercolor Society – Signature-sgg (Sylvan Grouse Guild)
- Portrait Society of America
- Transparent Watercolor Society of America – Signature
- Watercolor West – Signature

Media

- Daily Herald, 'National award-winning watercolorist from Palatine captures ordinary moments', August, 2022
- PleinAir magazine, 'Keep it Classy' authored article. July, 2022

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- Fine Art Connoisseur magazine, 'Today's Masters, Relationships with food', Jan/Feb, 2022
- Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA), 'A Magnum Opus' show review, July, 2021
- American Art Collector magazine online, 33 Contemporary feature, June, 2020
- Watercolor Artist magazine, The Best of the Year: 2019 Showstoppers, February, 2020
- Addison Community Television interview (Addiscene). Essence: Old Yankee Stadium exhibit. March, 2015
- The Palatine Journal, 'All About Art' Lifestyle feature.
- August, 2013 American Art Collector magazine, 'Cityscapes', February, 2011
- Watercolor Artist magazine, 8-page feature article for travel series. October, 2009
- Artist to Artist with Enid Silverman, Television interview and painting demonstration. July, 2009

Collections

- University of Whitewater/Wisconsin
- Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center
- Northwest Watercolor Society
- Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community (VMRC)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Epiphany Center for the Arts, 'Latin Expressions', Chicago, IL
- 2023 Oak Park Library, 'Expression of Life', Oak Park, IL
- 2019 Roberta Fiskum Gallery, 'Contemporary Urban Landscapes' University of Wisconsin/Whitewater, WI
- 2015 Addison Center for the Arts, Addison, IL
- 2014 Hilliard Gallery, Kansas City, MO
La Citadelle Gallery, South Barrington, IL
- 2013 Ruth Ray Memorial Gallery at The Illinois Institute of Art - Schaumburg, IL
- 2012 Fermilab Art Gallery, 'Contemporary Realist Painting', Batavia, IL
Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Morton College Art Gallery, 'Cuba', Cicero, IL
- 2008 Square D-Schneider Electric corporate gallery, Palatine, IL
- 1995 Office of the Governor of Illinois, State of Illinois Building, Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 'Echoes: Weaving Identity and Belonging celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month' by OH Art Foundation
(at Zhou B Art Center)
Alfa Art Gallery, 'New Brunswick Art Salon Watercolor & Mixed Media Exhibition', New Brunswick, NJ
American Watercolor Society, '157th Annual International Exhibition', New York, NY
- 2023 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, '6th Annual National Juried Exhibition', Wausau, WI
American Watercolor Society, '156th Annual International Exhibition', New York, NY
Transparent Watercolor Society of America, '47th Annual International Exhibition', Kenosha, WI

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- 2022 D. Anthony Gallery, 'Exhibitour', Wausau, WI, juror, Alyssa Monks
Hilliard Gallery, '15th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
American Watercolor Society, '155th Annual International Exhibition', New York, NY
- 2021 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, 'Painting the Figure Now IV', Wausau, WI
Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, 'ICONIC', Wausau, WI
Hilliard Gallery, '14th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2020 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, '4th Annual National Juried Exhibition', Wausau, WI
RJD Gallery, 'Shades of Light: 11th Annual Hamptons Juried Art Exhibition', Bridgehampton, NY
- 2019 Hilliard Gallery, '12th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
Rice Gallery, 'National Portraits & Figures Show', Overland Park, KS
- 2017 Hilliard Gallery, '10th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2012 GE's '2012 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibition', Fairfield, CT
Alexey von Schlippe Gallery of Art, 'Group Invitational Show', University of Connecticut, Groton, CT
- 2011 Hilliard Gallery, '4th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO
- 2010 Hilliard Gallery, 'Contemporary Realism', Kansas City, MO
- 2009 'Art Off the Main: African, Caribbean & Latin American Art Fair' (online), New York, NY
Aurora Public Art Commission 'Art at City Hall', Aurora, IL
- 2008 'Art Off the Main: African, Caribbean & Latin American Art Fair', New York, NY
Edward Hospital 'Healing Arts Program rotational gallery', Naperville, IL
Raue Center for the Arts, 'Two-man Show', Crystal Lake, IL
- 2007 Northwestern University Settlement's CCT Gallery, 'Natural Wonder', Chicago, IL
Chicago Artists' Coalition 'Chicago Art Open', Chicago, IL

Juror/Judge

- 2025 '29th Art League of Hilton Head Biennale, Hilton Head, SC
- 2024 'Watercolor Wisconsin', Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI
'Spring Members' Show', American Artists Professional League, New York, NY
'Doorways: Coming or Going?', McCord Gallery & Cultural Center, Palos Park, IL
- 2022 'Watercolor 2022', Delora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center & Gallery, St. Charles, IL
- 2021 'North East Watercolor Society Annual Members Exhibition', Kent, CT
- 2019 'Raw Energy', works of the Wisconsin Pastel Artists, Whitewater, WI
- 2015 '67th Grand Detour Arts Festival', Dixon, IL
- 2011 'Riverwalk Fine Art Fair', Naperville, IL
- 2010 'Art in your Eye', Fine Art Show & Festival - Outdoor Fine Art Show, Batavia, IL
- 2009 'Regional Art Survey 5', The Next Picture Show Fine Art Center, Dixon, IL