

# Tony Armendariz, (b. 1964, USA)

Contemporary Realist Painting

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

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

### Awards and Honors

- 2026 **Finalist – Petra**  
'Splash 27: The Best of Watercolor', Annual watercolor publication – juror, Chris Krupinski
- 2025 **Finalist – Petra**  
'ModPortrait 2025', Galeria artelibre – jurors, R. Estes, D. Eddy, M. Ferguson, Z. Wu, L. Behnke, D. Peterson, L Jun  
**Finalist – Petra**  
'18<sup>th</sup> International ARC Salon 2025', Art Renewal Center, – jurors, D. Graves, M.J. Angel, F. Ross, M. Qin  
**Semi-Finalist – Petra**  
'Almenara Art Prize', – jurors, P. Trippi, B. Mark Taylor, A. Gurdipide, J. Sokol  
**Best Figure & Portrait – Petra**  
'PleinAir Salon/April', PleinAir® Magazine – juror, J. Ben Whiteside  
**Second Place – Luís**  
'Aqueous 2025', National Exhibition, Kentucky Watercolor Society – juror, Tim  
**Carole Christiansen Memorial Award – Luís**  
'49<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition' Transparent Watercolor Society of America – jurors, M. Bird, B. Brown  
**12<sup>th</sup> Place – Wilson Tells It**  
'46<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition' Georgia Watercolor Society – juror, Ryan Fox  
**First Place – Ripley**  
'International Juried Exhibition', Missouri Watercolor Society – juror, Dongfeng 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**  
'111<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – jurors, Peter Trippi, Gabriella Delloso  
**Patrons Award – Luís**  
'56<sup>th</sup> Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West – juror, Ken Call  
**Frank Webb Award of Merit – José**  
'48<sup>th</sup> 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**  
'7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition' – juror, David Hummer  
**Frank Nofer Memorial Award for Transparent Watercolor – Mr. Stripes**  
'123<sup>rd</sup> International Exhibition of Works on Paper', Philadelphia Watercolor Society – juror, Ryan Fox  
**Mary Bryan Memorial Award and Medal – Mr. Stripes**  
'110<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, Karli Wurzelbacher  
**Founders Award – She Has and She Will**  
'55<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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**  
'5<sup>th</sup> 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**  
'108<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, John Simko  
**Mijello Ultramarine Award – Modern Man**  
'41<sup>st</sup> International Exhibition', San Diego Watercolor Society – juror, Michael Holter  
**Best in Show | Purchase Award | People's Choice Award – Feeding Nairobi**  
'VMRC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition' – jurors, C. Almaraz, M. Klos, S. Dobbin  
**Honorable Mention, Other Media – The Skeptic**  
'Richeson 75 International: Small Works' – juror, Sherri Thomas
- 2020 **Leila Gardin Sawyer Memorial Award – Feeding Nairobi**  
'92<sup>nd</sup> Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League – juror, Peter Trippi  
**Merit Award – Touch of Red**  
'50<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition', Louisiana Watercolor Society – juror, Z. Feng
- 2019 **Blick Materials Art Award I – Mr. Soul**  
'43<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Ken Call  
**Bill and Magda Peregrin Memorial Award – Touch of Red**  
'51<sup>st</sup> Annual International Juried Exhibition', Watercolor West – juror, Keiko Tanabe  
**Second Place – Mr. Soul**  
'Real People 2019' – juror, Joyce Polance  
**First Place – Man from Jaimanitas**  
'40<sup>th</sup> Annual International Juried Exhibition', Pennsylvania Watercolor Society – juror, Matthew Bird  
**Purchase Award – Cuban Man**  
'79<sup>th</sup> Annual International Open Exhibition', Northwest Watercolor Society – juror, Don Andrews  
**Honorable Mention – Weight of the Work**  
'26<sup>th</sup> Biennale, National Juried Exhibition Art League of Hilton Head' – juror, Alan Flattmann
- 2018 **Best in Show - Dave**  
'42<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Joel Popadics  
**Excellence Award - Dave**  
'68<sup>th</sup> Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association – jurors, Steve Wilda, Gerarde Doucette
- 2017 **HK Holbein Watercolor Award – Up and Down River Street**  
'67<sup>th</sup> Annual National Exhibition', Academic Artists Association – jurors, Robert O'Brien, John Traynor
- 2015 **Mary Lou Fitzgerald Memorial Award – Stan's**  
'102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Exhibition', Allied Artists of America – juror, Dr. Carol Lowrey

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- 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*  
'71<sup>st</sup> 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*  
'6<sup>th</sup> Annual Paint the Parks Exhibition' Mini Top 50  
**M. Graham & Co. Award - Chartered**  
'36<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition', North East Watercolor Society – juror, Mel Stabin
- 2011 **Honorable Mention** – *Fixed Reception*  
'32<sup>nd</sup> 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*  
'82<sup>nd</sup> Grand National Exhibition', American Artists Professional League – jurors, G. Erbe, M. Ginsburg, N. Shanks  
**Honorable Mention** – *Rustic Door County*  
'18<sup>th</sup> 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*  
'80<sup>th</sup> 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*  
'16<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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
- 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

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- 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**

- 2026 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, 'ICONIC', Wausau, WI
- 2025 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, 'IBPC', Wausau, WI
- 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, '157<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition', New York, NY
- 2023 Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, '6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Exhibition', Wausau, WI  
American Watercolor Society, '156<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition', New York, NY  
Transparent Watercolor Society of America, '47<sup>th</sup> Annual International Exhibition', Kenosha, WI
- 2022 D. Anthony Gallery, 'Exhibitour', Wausau, WI – juror, Alyssa Monks  
Hilliard Gallery, '15th Annual Human Form Show', Kansas City, MO  
American Watercolor Society, '155<sup>th</sup> 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, '4<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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 '29<sup>th</sup> 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 '67<sup>th</sup> 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