

Reid Bandeen

Artist's Biography



Reid Bandeen is a contemporary impressionist landscape painter who began his creative explorations at an early age, where his middle school instructors bought his first paintings. He currently lives and works in New Mexico, where he follows his inspiration to celebrate the splendor of the western landscape. Though largely self-taught, he pursued formal studies at the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico Art League and via mentorships with various contemporary master painters, including Deborah Paris, Arturo Chavez, Scott L. Christensen, and T. Allen Lawson. Located in Placitas, New Mexico, Bandeen primarily explores the expansive panoramas and magical light of the American Southwest, throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Experience Summary

Selected juried shows since 2010 include the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico annual juried show (6 years); Rio Grande Art Association “Encantada” annual juried show (3 years); Taos Art Museum Plein Air show (2019-20); Santa Fe Plein Air Fiesta (3 years), and Masterworks of New Mexico (2021). Mr. Bandeen was the featured artist at Purple Sage Gallery (Old Town Albuquerque) for one month during 2013 through 2019, and at One Artist Road (Santa Fe) in 2011. Awards include First Honorable Mention at the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (PAPNM) Art in the Parks Show (2012) and the Jack Richeson Award at the PAPNM Annual Juried Show in 2012. A more detailed summary of recent experience follows.

Artist's Statement

To me reality is a feeling, and the true test of my painting is to ignite the feeling of awe and mystery I have experienced from a scene in the viewer. Conveying “feeling” in a painting can be an elusive goal, and is seldom achieved by literal reporting. Rather than simply report an observed scene in paint, a work of art is achieved via a unique and original combination of drawing, composition, design, value, color chroma, color temperature, and careful harmonization of each element of a painting interacting with all the others in the piece. Once achieved, this feeling is unmistakable and instantly recognized.

Selected Recent Shows (Juried or Invited)

Santa Fe Plein Air Festival	InArt Gallery, Santa Fe, NM	June 2015
"Uplift," New Mexico Cancer Foundation Gallery		Sept. - Dec. 2015
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, Santa Fe Art Collector Gallery		October 2015
"Western Visions," Purple Sage Gallery, Old Town, Albuquerque, NM		Nov. 2015
"Points of Departure," New Mexico Cancer Foundation Gallery		March - June 2016
"Western Sanctuaries," Purple Sage Gallery, Albuquerque, NM		March 2016
"Encantada," Rio Grande Art Association Annual Juried show		July 2016
"On the Horizon," New Mexico Art League Fall juried show.		Sept. – Oct. 2016
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Spring Paint-out and show, Jemez Springs Fine Art Gallery		April - May 2017
"Refuge," Individual show at Purple Sage Gallery, Old Town Albuquerque, New Mexico		October 2017
Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Annual Juried Show, Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, NM		November 2018
Fechin Juried Small Works Show, Taos Art Museum at Fechin House		July 2019
"Landscape of Memory," Albuquerque Arts Crawl featured artist at Carla Forrest Gallery		August 2019
Albuquerque Art Showcase, Albuquerque Convention Center		August 2019
Encantada	EXPO New Mexico	October 2019
Santa Fe Plein Air Fiesta	Sorrel Sky Gallery, Santa Fe, NM	March 2020
"On the Rise ,"	New Mexico Cancer Center Gallery	June - August 2020
Taos Plein Air	E.L. Blumenschein Museum, Taos, New Mexico	
Corrales Old Church Fine Art Show Corrales, NM		October 2020
12th Annual Plein Air Painters of New Mexico Annual Juried Show, Wilder Nightingale Gallery, Taos, NM		July – August 2020 November 2020
23rd Annual Masterworks of New Mexico		April 2021

Selected Recent Shows (continued)

2021 Placitas Garden Tour Fine Art Show (invited artist), Placitas Community Library
Gallery, Placitas, NM September 2021

33rd Annual Corrales Old Church Juried Fine Art Show, Historic San Isidro Church, Corrales,
New Mexico October 2021