

Seneca Creek Studio

Robert E. O'Brien - Painter

Artist's Statement

My painting starts with drawing. I draw from life frequently. During the course of a painting I return to drawing to find the form. I consider myself a painter on the bridge between abstraction and realism and the question: What is a painting? - is frequently on my mind.

My goals are to synthesize Titian and Cezanne, to attract a few good students, and to accumulate the 600 guilder “dues” required for admittance as a master in the local Guild of St. Luke.

Selected Exhibitions	
Solo	Group
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recent</i></p> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 (December) <i>Art of Entertainment</i> Scenes from Opera, Theater, and Film Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints <p>National Symphony Orchestra, Hartke Theater CUA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 (January) Concert <i>Opera – La Nozze de Figaro, Mozart</i> -Foyer Show: Opera Series Paintings and Drawings <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014 (June – July) <i>Figure – A Search for Ideal Form</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints <p>Black Rock Performing Arts Center, Germantown, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2013 (June – July) <i>Opera – Form and Content</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints <p>Electric Maid Gallery, 268 Carroll St. N.W., Washington, DC 20012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011 <i>Opera – Real and Abstract</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints <p>Seneca Creek Studio, Boyds, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2008 <i>The Figure</i>, Paintings and Drawings <p>Courtyard Gallery West, Chevy Chase, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2003 <i>Thesis Show- The Figure</i>, 20 Drawings and Paintings <p>Courtyard Gallery, 3232 P Street, Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2001 Space: A Collection of Figure Drawings 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recent</i></p> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 (March) <i>A Night at the Opera</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings , and Prints <p>Arts Club of Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 (January) <i>NGA Copyist Show</i> Paintings - Conversations with Renoir and Manet <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 (October) <i>The Natural World</i> Landscape Paintings, Drawings , and Prints <p>Vienna Arts Club, Vienna, Va.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 (January) <i>NGA Copyist Show</i> Painting - Conversation with Cezanne <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 (October) <i>Travel Essays in Oil</i> Landscape Paintings, Drawings , and Prints <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 (October) <i>Landscape in Four Views</i> Landscape Paintings <p>Kramer Gallery, Silver Spring, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2013 (July - November) <i>Tree Spirits</i> Landscape Paintings, Sculpture, Drawings , and Prints <p>Courtyard Gallery East , 2129 S Street, Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010 <i>WSS Alumni Show</i> 2009 <i>Certificate Show</i> 2008 <i>Drawings and Paintings of WSS Graduates</i> <p>Images of Justice, Catholic University Law School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2008 <i>Crux Drawing</i> 2007 <i>Collection of Paintings, Drawings, and Contemporary Art</i>

	<p>NCCF <i>Art and Soul Exhibition</i>, Bethesda Md. 20841</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 Works on Paper - Drawings and Etchings • 2004 Drawings <p>Artists Museum, Seventh Street, Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2002 <i>WSS Faculty and Student Show</i> • 2001 <i>From New York to Washington</i> – Drawings and paintings of NY and DC artists • 1997 <i>Group '97</i> - Paintings and Drawings.
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Education

Washington Studio School, Certificate in Painting, 2002

George Washington University, Washington, DC, Ph.D., Mathematics, 1977

University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, M.A., Mathematics / Astronomy, 1968

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