

# Seneca Creek Studio

## Robert E. O’Brien - Painter

### Artist’s Statement

My painting starts with drawing. I draw from life continuously. 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 guilders “dues” required for admittance as a master in the local Guild of St. Luke.

| Selected Exhibitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recent</i></p> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021 (December) <i>Art of Entertainment</i> Paintings, Drawings , and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 (December) <i>American Landscapes</i> Paintings, Drawings , and Prints</li> </ul> <p>National Symphony Orchestra, Hartke Theater CUA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2015 (January) Concert <i>Opera – La Nozze de Figaro, Mozart</i> -Foyer Show: Opera Series Paintings and Drawings</li> </ul> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2014 (June – July) <i>Figure – A Search for Ideal Form</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Black Rock Performing Arts Center, Germantown, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013 (June – July) <i>Opera – Form and Content</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Electric Maid Gallery, 268 Carroll St. N.W., Washington, DC 20012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2011 <i>Opera – Real and Abstract</i> Figure Paintings, Drawings, and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Seneca Creek Studio, Boyds, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2008 <i>The Figure</i>, Paintings and Drawings</li> </ul> <p>Courtyard Gallery West, Chevy Chase, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2003 <i>Thesis Show- The Figure</i>, 20 Drawings and Paintings</li> </ul> <p>Courtyard Gallery, 3232 P Street, Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2001 <i>Space: A Collection of Figure Drawings</i></li> </ul> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Future</i></p> <p>Towson Sotheby’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2026 <i>MAC Show</i> Paintings</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recent</i></p> <p>Nepenthe Gallery, Alexandria, Va..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025(September - December) <i>&lt;AC Show</i> Paintings - Conversations with Renoir and Manet</li> </ul> <p>Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown, Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 (January - March) <i>MAC Show</i> Paintings - Conversations with Whistler and Cezanne</li> </ul> <p>Delaplaine Art Center, Frederick,Md.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 (January) <i>NGA Copyist Show</i> Paintings - Conversations with Rubens</li> </ul> <p>Arts Club of Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 (January) <i>NGA Copyist Show</i> Paintings - Drawings, and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 (October) <i>The Natural World</i> Landscape Paintings, Drawings , and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Vienna Arts Club, Vienna, Va.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017 (January) <i>NGA Copyist Show</i> Painting - Conversation with Cezanne</li> </ul> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016 (October) <i>Travel Essays in Oil</i> Landscape Paintings, Drawings , and Prints</li> </ul> <p>Gallery B, Bethesda, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2015 (October) <i>Landscape in Four Views</i> Landscape Paintings</li> </ul> <p>Kramer Gallery, Silver Spring, Md</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013 (July - November) <i>Tree Spirits</i></li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Landscape Paintings, Sculpture, Drawings , and Prints</p> <p>Courtyard Gallery East , 2129 S Street, Washington, DC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010 <i>WSS Alumni Show</i></li> <li>• 2009 <i>Certificate Show</i></li> <li>• 2008 <i>Drawings and Paintings of WSS Graduates</i></li> </ul> <p>Images of Justice, Catholic University Law School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008 <i>Crux Drawing</i></li> <li>• 2007 <i>Collection of Paintings, Drawings, and Contemporary Art</i></li> </ul> <p>NCCF <i>Art and Soul Exhibition</i>, Bethesda Md. 20841</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2005 Works on Paper - Drawings and Etchings</li> <li>• 2004 Drawings</li> </ul> <p>Artists Museum, Seventh Street, Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2002 <i>WSS Faculty and Student Show</i></li> <li>• 2001 <i>From New York to Washington</i> – Drawings and paintings of NY and DC artists</li> <li>• 1997 <i>Group '97</i> - Paintings and Drawings.</li> </ul> |
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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

University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, B.A., Mathematics; 1967