

KC Collins
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Bio

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, KC Collins began creating art at a very young age. During the early part of her academic career at Elon University, she decided to pursue her passion for art and explored many different media, eventually falling in love with oils. KC continued to study fine art, drawing influences from JMW Turner and Gerhard Richter.

Refining her style over the years, KC's ethereal landscape paintings are at once abstract and true to life. She now resides in Charleston, SC, while participating in several fine art festivals around the country throughout the year. Most recently, she was awarded the 2010 and 2013 Mayor's Choice/Best in Show Award at the Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition, a third place at the 2010 Festival of the Masters as well as first place awards at the 2011 Maitland Rotary Art Festival and the 2011 Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Art Exhibition. Her work has also been featured in several art publications, including American Art Collector Magazine, Studio Visit Magazine, and International Artist Magazine.

Artist's Statement

In my paintings, I pull from extremes; bold and soft, saturated and muted colors, movement and stillness. The images fade among positive and negative spaces. It is between these two extremes that I find a special place where the abstract and the real meet. By simplifying selected details, I strive to give an impression of the entire atmosphere of a given scene, not just its separate elements. This hopefully stirs an emotionally visceral response that stays with the viewer, encouraging them to see the world around them in a new way.

Selected Awards and Honors:

2017 Second Place

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2016 Honorable Mention Award

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2014 Honorable Mention Award

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2013 Mayor's Choice Award "Best in Show"

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2012 Second Place

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2011 First Place

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Maitland Rotary Art Festival - "Art Under the Stars"

2011 First Place

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2010 Third Place

Disney Festival of the Masters

2010 Mayor's Choice Award "Best in Show"

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2009 Merit Award

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2004 People's Choice Award

Elon University Juried Exhibition

2004 Third Place Award

Elon University Juried Exhibition

2004 Honorable Mention

Piccolo Spoleto Outdoor Juried Art Exhibition

2003 Juror's Choice Award

Elon University

2001 People's Choice Award

Ridgefield Community Art Show