

ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

JT Harding is an American-born representational painter who values the aesthetics and philosophical principles of the Humanist Realism Tradition. Born in a suburb of Philadelphia, he now resides in East Walpole, MA.

Like most important painters throughout history, Harding gains inspiration and influence through studying the styles and techniques used by the Old Masters including Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida, Anders Zorn, John Singer Sargent, and Henry Hensche. He believes in building solid fundamental skills that provide a strong foundation for developing art with depth, meaning, and intrinsic value. To that end, Harding has studied under living masters from Studio Incamminati, an Atelier, founded by the Maestro Nelson Shanks. Notable artists, Cedric Egeli, Robert Douglas Hunter, Kerry Dunn, JaFang Lu, and Sam Vokey have also taught him. It is Mr. Harding's aspiration to teach and inspire future generations of artists to carry on this important tradition.

The thread that weaves through Harding's depictions of contemporary concepts and subject matter is a bravura painting process that emphasizes minimal fresh and loose brushstrokes that, when viewed from a distance, come sharply into focus. It is evident through his sensually painted surface, the pleasure the artist derives from a deftly handled brush.

Harding is a member of the Oil Painters of America, The Portrait Society of America, The North River Arts Society, and is an Associate member of The Guild of Boston Artists. In 2010, he was selected for the Artist-in-Residence program at The Cape Cod Art Association. His original paintings and commissioned works hang in many private collections in the U.S. and England. Harding collectors can anticipate owning a valuable, well-constructed painting that captures the spirit of the subject while forming a strong emotional bond with the piece over time.

JT HARDING | b. 1963

Sensual Realism

ARTIST STATEMENT

Through a systematic cooperation of sentiment and skill, I strive to produce art infused with thoroughness and sincerity. By combining the seen with the felt, I hope to elevate the everyday to the poetic.

Sensual in subject matter, composition, and technique, my paintings transform the inherent beauty of exotic people, places, and objects into imagery that stirs the hearts and minds of viewers.

I want a new kind of realism...a more sensual realism.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Harding, J.T.

Born:

1963 Philadelphia, PA

Formal Education:

2000 West Chester University, **B.S. Marketing**
1985 Art Institute of Philadelphia, **A.A. Visual Communications (Graduated with Honors)**
1983 East Stroudsburg University, **BFA Candidate (Fine Art Concentration)**

Continuing Education:

2011 (Summer) Still Life Workshop with Sam Vokey, Westford, MA
2010 (Summer) Painting the Figure/Portrait on Beach, Cedric & Joannette Egeli, Provincetown, MA
2009 (Fall) Painting the Effect of Light/Color Study, JaFang Lu Studios, Philadelphia, PA
2009 (Summer) Painting the Effect of Light/Color Study, JaFang Lu Studios, Philadelphia, PA
2009 (Winter) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA
2008 (Fall) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA
2008 (Spring) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA
2008 (Spring) Figure Painting II, III, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2007 (Fall) Figure Painting II, III, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2007 (Summer) Bartram's Gardens en Plein Air, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2006 (Fall) Figure Drawing III, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2006 (Summer) Composition with Landscape as Reference, Aimone Art Services, Monhegan Island, ME

Awards and Scholarships:

2010 Artist-in-Residence, Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA

Solo Exhibitions:

2010 Capescapes & More – Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA

Group Exhibitions:

- 2012 24th Annual Members Show - North River Arts Society, Marshfield Hills, MA
- 2011 Matter, Medium, & Meaning: A Contemporary Still Life (Juried) Show – The Copley Society of Art, Boston, MA
- 2011 Gallery Artist First Friday – Gallery 9, Norwood, MA
- 2011 Breath of Spring (Juried Show) - Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA
- 2011 23rd Annual Members Show - North River Arts Society, Marshfield Hills, MA
- 2009 Haddonfield Arts Festival, Haddonfield, NJ
- 2007 Fall Arts Show, Chestnut Hill, PA

Selected Portrait Commissions:

- 2011 Portrait of Vern the Great Pyrenees dog, Apex, NC
- 2010 Portrait of Deborah Howard and her four dogs, Cohasset, MA
- 2010 Portrait of Tyler Wellington and her four dogs, Chestnut Hill, PA
- 2009 Portrait of Ecaterina Sanalatii, London, UK
- 2008 Portrait of Mr. Donald Irving, Chatham, MA

Selected Private Collections:

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson, Chestnut Hill, PA
Ms. Pamela Irving, Bourne, MA
Ms. Cat Niallon, Philadelphia, PA
Mr. and Mrs. Caputo, Wyncote, PA
Ms. Maryellen Raden, Chestnut Hill, PA
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meyer, Hilton Head, SC
Ms. Angela Williams Thomas, Philadelphia, PA
Ms. Wendy Baloga, Danville, PA
Ms. Amy Goldberg Quigley, Gloucester, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. John DiDomenico, Bordentown, NJ
Mrs. Heidi Scharf, Merion, PA
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Castle Pines North, CO
Ms. Deanna Bond, Philadelphia, PA
Mrs. Carin Baniewicz Davis, Collegeville, PA
Mrs. Peg Wellington, Chestnut Hill, PA
Dave & Roberta Rotelle, Honeybrook, PA
Don & Julia Miner, Cape May Court House, NJ
Mr. Scott Chapman, Columbia, MD
Mr. Joseph Luther, Seattle, WA
Rich & Joyce Prapuolenis, Apex, NC

Selected Corporate Collections:

Cape Cod Art Association - Barnstable, MA
Gardens with Spirit - Walpole, MA
Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS) - Cohasset, MA
Friends of Adams Farm - Walpole, MA

Teaching

2012, Demonstrator - Framingham Artists' Guild, Framingham, MA
2009-2012, Private and workshop instructor - JT Harding Studios, East Walpole, MA

Professional Affiliations:

North River Arts Society (Individual Member - Since 2011)
Guild of Boston Artists (Associate Member - Since 2010)
Portrait Society of America (Artist Member - Since 2009)
Oil Painter's of America (Associate Member - Since 2009)

Books:

2010-12, JT Harding - Sensual Realism, Self-published, By J. Harding

Publications/Articles:

2012, *ONE New England* - An Artist With A Vision
2008, *Chestnut Hill Local*, Local Life Section

Current Gallery Representation:

OFF Our Wall (Online Storefront Gallery), Amesbury, MA
Christine Cohen, Owner

Xanadu Gallery, AZ (Studio Artist)
J. Jason Horejs, Owner

Gallery 9, Norwood, MA
Julie Vecchio, Owner

The Brigham Galleries (Online auction Gallery), Nantucket, MA
Sara Boyce, Founder & President