

JOHN MEISTER - ARTIST BIO

I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in Art and began my career as an artist in Austin, Texas, moving with my wife, Meg, to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1990.

With 23 years in commercial graphic design and illustration, I made the shift toward full-time painting in 2009. I now paint primarily in oils, both in my Albuquerque studio and *en plein air* (outside, in open air), painting a variety of subjects but often exploring ways to depict the unique character of the beautiful Southwest. When I feel that my “muse” is hiding, I first look for it in an art museum or gallery. I am always inspired by those visual historians that came before me and left behind something to admire.

I volunteer with several art organizations and currently serve as the 2018 President of Plein Air Painters of New Mexico. I also occasionally teach art workshops at the New Mexico Art League in Albuquerque. My work can be found in collections across the Southwest and abroad. To view more of my work, or to find out where I am currently represented, visit my website at www.johnmeisterart.com.

Current organizations that I belong to:

- RGAA** (Rio Grande Art Association)
- PAPNM** (Plein Air Painters of New Mexico)
- NMAL** (New Mexico Art League)
- OPA** (Oil Painters of America)
- MASF** (Miniature Art Society of Florida)
- Plein Air Friends** (Painting Group)



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