

I should have quit years ago but that would have proven so many people right.

Steven S. Walker

Born in Myrtle Beach, SC, and raised in Richmond, VA, Steven Walker discovered his love for art at a very early age. With little interest in anything else he took the next big step toward his pursuit of a career in art and earned his Bachelor of Fine Art degree at Virginia Commonwealth University. He later received his Master of Fine Art from Marywood University where he also met fellow artist and future wife, Evelyn.

Instant success was not in the cards as Steven exhibited at a string of coffee shops, libraries, and other local businesses. Eventually his hard work paid off with a few regional awards that soon caught the attention of two gallery owners. Since his venture into gallery life, his landscapes have been well received with paintings in the private collections of Airstream Inc, Hilton Hotels, the Boy Scouts of America, Dominion Resources, the Virginia State Department, the National Parks Service, the Columbus Convention Center, and the US Air Force.

Since working full-time as an artist in 2008, Steven has been featured in several prominent and national juried competitions including the *Oil Painters of America Salon Show*, the *Eastern Regional*, *Richeson 75 Landscape Competition*, *Plein Air Salon*, the *International Salon Competition*, and the *Art Renewal Center*. Steven has also had the privilege of being a part of a statewide traveling exhibition with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

He has participated in several artist-in-residency programs in Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and Colorado. In 2014 he was selected to create the *Ohio Governor's Art Awards* by the Ohio Arts Council; in 2015 he received honorable mention in the *Southwest Art Magazine Artistic Excellence Competition*; and in 2018 he secured awards of excellence in the *Oil Painters of America Salon Show* and the *Eastern Regional*. Most recently Steven traveled with a group of painters and taught a class in Killarney, Ireland for two weeks to using the breathtaking Ring of Kerry as a backdrop study.

Steven currently resides in Georgia where he continues to work hard on the advancement of his career with the support of his lovely wife Evelyn and studio assistant/daughter, Poppy. His work is represented in Washington, Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Oklahoma and Washington, DC.



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