

# Paul Murray

Albert Einstein said "The mysterious is the most wonderful thing we can experience. It is the basis for all art and science." The technology which science has created has made us prosperous and comfortable — and we hold it in high regard. But we should not elevate science at the expense of art; there is a great part of our life which can't be put into any formula. My goal as an artist is to explore and illuminate imagery and ideas which make life rich and valuable.

It is axiomatic that science is the domain of the mind and art comes from the heart. Our mind by itself cannot tell us if something is right or wrong, true or false or if what we have done is worthwhile — unless our heart agrees.[]

## Honors:

- Judge of Awards, Rio Grand Arts Association, 2018
- Designated Master Signature Member, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, May 2014
- Juror, 2014, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico
- Cover Artwork, Artist's Magazine, December 2013
- Strokes of Genius 4: North Light Publications/Book, 2012, 2014
- Art Journey America, Landscape: North Light Publications, 2011
- International Association of Pastel Societies, Master Circle, 2011
- Juror, Judge, Santa Fe Contemporary Spanish Market, 2011
- Artist in Residence, Grand Canyon NP, Summer 2010
- Door County Plein Aire Invitational, 2010
- Distinguished Pastellist, Pastel Society of NM
- Elected Master Pastellist, Pastel Society of America
- Landscape Juror, Pastel Journal Top 100 Competition, 2010
- Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio, "Selections from the Pastel Society of America Exhibition" 2009, 2006
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Masterworks of NM, 2008
- Museum of Albuquerque Miniatures Invitational Exhibition, 2012, 2010, 09, 08, 07
- University of New Mexico Homecoming Poster Artist, 2006
- Judge, NM State Fair Fine Arts & Crafts Fair, 2006
- Poster Artist, Weem's Artfest, 2005
- Judge for Miniatures, Masterworks of New Mexico, 2005
- Juror for the Rio Grande Artists Association Annual Exhibit, 2005
- Poster Artist, New Mexico Arts & Crafts Fair, 2004
- US Stat Department, Permanent collection
- Sun Health Care, Corporate collection
- NM State Fair Fine Arts Gallery, Permanent Collection
- City of Albuquerque Public Art Collection
- Endura Associates Corporate Collection
- Miller, Stratvert, Torgerson, PA
- University of New Mexico

## Recent National and International Awards

- Bronze Medal IAPS 2022, IAPS Convention
- Maggie Price Memorial Award, IAPS 2013 IAPS Convention
- Third Place, Landscape Competition, International Artist Magazine.
- National Park Service, Online exhibit of Artists-in-Residence artwork for all National Parks
- Pastel Journal Top 100: Honorable Mention, Landscape 2009, 2008, First Place, Landscape, 2007; **BEST OF SHOW**, Third Place, Landscape, Honorable Mention, Landscape, 2006. Honorable Mention, Landscape 2005, 2004, Three honorable mentions, 2002.

- Miniature Arts Society of Florida, International Show, First place, Drawing, 2011, First place, Pastel, 2010, Second Place, Acrylic, 2007; Third Place Landscape, 2005; Second Place, Exterior/Architectural, 2004
- Pastel Society of America International Exhibit; NY Art Supply Award, 2009, Professional Artists of America Award, 2006, Ridgeway Art Institute Award, 1999
- Artists Magazine Finalist, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2005 Competitions, Honorable Mention & Published Image, 2003, Finalist, 2002
- Arts for the Parks, Mini 100 and Top 200, 2006; Mini 100, 2005; Mini 100, Top 200, 2004; Top 100, Top 200, Mini 100, 2002
- International Association of Pastel Societies **Grand Prix 'd Pastel, (BEST OF SHOW), 2001**

## Recently Published Articles:

- Artist Magazine, Annual Calendar, 2014
- Artist Magazine, Annual Calendar, 2012
- Artist Magazine, Two features on pastel Ground, 2011
- Artist Magazine, The Music of Light, October 2007
- Pastel Journal, Article on "Skies" Afterword Column on final page, Oct. 2005
- American Artist Magazine, Six Page Article, April 2004
- International Artist Magazine Book, "How did They Paint That?" Page 42, 2004
- Artist Magazine, Seven Page Article, January 2003
- International Artist Magazine, 10 page Article, January, 2002

## Recent Local Awards:

- **BEST O SHOW**, Masterworks of New Mexico, Large Exhibit, **2021, 2005.**
- **First Place**, Oil/Acrylic Masterworks of New Mexico, Large Exhibit, **2024,**
- People's choice award in both Large Works and Small Paintings, PSNM National Show 2012
- First Place, 2012, Second Place, 2011, First Place 2010, Small works exhibit, Pastel Society of NM National Show
- First Place, 2010, 2007, Third Place, 2008, Rio Grande Arts Association, Encantada Exhibit
- **BEST OF SHOW**, Miniature Exhibit, **2007, 2004, 2003, 2002** First Place Miniature Acrylics, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006, Popular Choice Award, Miniatures, 2011, 2008, Popular Choice Award, large exhibit, 2012, 2009, 2006, Third place in both Oil and Pastel, 2009, Large Works, Masterworks of New Mexico
- **BEST OF SHOW**, NM Arts & Crafts Fair, 2003
- First Place, Pastel and George Marks Award for Excellence in Southwestern Art, NM State Fair, 1998
- **Education:** BFA, University of New Mexico, with honors
- **Gallery affiliations:**
  - Weems Galleries, Albuquerque, NM