
ROBERT TOMPKINS FINE ART

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BIOGRAPHY

Robert Tompkins is an oil painter with an emphasis on color, design and abstract shapes. Subject matter includes landscapes, still life, figurative and domesticated animals and wildlife.

He studied art early in college, but most of his training has come from the tutelage of experienced artists, including Robert Moore, Joyce Lee, Ovaness Berberian and Carolyn Anderson as well as over 20 years of professional experience.

He and his wife own the Purple Sage Gallery in downtown Billings, Montana and represent artists from the western US and an artist from Canada. Robert is also represented by Charsam Gallery in Big Sky, Two Moons Gallery in Big Timber, the Depot Gallery in Red Lodge, the Beartooth Gallery in Red Lodge as well as Gallery Interiors in Billings. He has his studio and displays at the Purple Sage as well.

Awards include First Place in the Greater Yellowstone National Exhibition in 2001 and numerous honorable mentions. He has had numerous one man shows and is juried regularly into the annual Yellowstone Art Museum Auction. He is frequently requested for quick draws in numerous settings.

He belongs to the Oil Painters of America, the Blue Buffalo Artists group and the Montana Professional Artists Association.

His work is impressionistic and interpretive. The emphasis on abstract shapes and minimal detail is the intent and can be seen in many of his works. Some work is more exacting, but impressionism with a focus on texture and looseness is also obvious.

He has taught workshops, offered critique to other students and belongs to a critique group to gain from the keen observations of other professional artists.

Color mixing with cool and warm greys and the manipulation of oil paints wet on wet when possible is clear in his work. Strong colors neutralized by discord colors and neutrals.

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