

Tod Steele - Acrylic/Oil Painter

As an artist, I'm excited by shape, form, bright color and using lots of paint to create texture and depth. I choose subjects that bring me joy...and even make me laugh...and while painting I work spontaneously and with as much energy and positivity as I can muster...and my sincere hope is that the viewer can share in this joy I as well.

I was born in La Jolla, CA in 1955, and started painting on my 49th birthday. I live in Gold Beach, Oregon, with my wife, artist J.M. Steele, who I initially studied with, and who encourages and inspires me still. The work of VanGogh, Gauguin and Georges Rouault have also been great inspirations.

My personal philosophy in painting is: *'make 'em laugh....or at least smile a bit'*. With all the stress in the world I want to produce paintings that help bring a bit of joy. If I can do that, I'm delighted!

Exhibitions and Awards:

*** CAM Biennial - Coos Art Museum Regional Show, Coos Bay, Oregon Oct.1 – Nov. 27, 2010

*** West Coast Wings Juried Show- Sage Gallery - Bandon, OR - Aug-Sept 2010

*** Invitational Art Show for the Multnomah Animal Shelter at Metalurges Art Gallery

Portland, OR - July-Aug 2010

*** One Person Show - Gold Rush Center - Gold Beach, OR - July-Aug 2010

*** Two Person Exhibition at Curry County Library, Gold Beach, OR - April-June 2010

*** Two Person Exhibition at CFCU, Gold Beach, Oregon, Oct 30th, 2009-Jan 19th, 2010

*** BAAA Regional Juried Exhibition - Coos Bay Art Museum. Oct-2009.

Cash AWARD ('1st place' in Oil/Acrylics)

- *** Two Person Exhibition. Words and Pictures Gallery, Brookings, Sept, 2009
- *** 5th Annual National Coast Redwoods Art Assoc. Juried Art Competition- Sept, 2009
- *** 2nd Street Gallery Miniature and Small Works Exhibition - Bandon, Oregon
June 5th-30th. **AWARD ('1st place' in 'Small Works'~(painting sold)**
- *** 22nd Annual Wine, Art & Music Festival, Gold Beach, Oregon
May 16-17th- **AWARD (2nd place) ~ (painting sold)**
- *** Goldrush National Juried Exhibition - May 1-31, 2009
Gold Beach, Oregon (*painting sold*)
- *** CAM Biennial - Coos Art Museum Regional Show, Coos Bay, Oregon
Oct. 10th - Dec. 6th, 2008 (*painting sold*)
- *** Curry Arts Assoc. Annual Art Show - Sept. 12th, 2008
AWARD ('People's Choice Award Winner')
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