

Gary Ruddell

Born 1951, San Mateo, California

Education California College of Arts and Crafts
1975 B.F.A.

Exhibitions

- 2010** Dallas Art Fair, Dallas, TX
Group Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
- 2009** Group Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
Solo Show, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Group Show, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA
Two-Man Show, Susan Greenwood Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
The Genesis of Bay Area Figurative Art Now, Juried by Theophilus Brown,
Art Space 712, San Francisco, CA
A Figural Presence, Alva deMars Megan Chapel Art Center, Manchester, CT
LA Art Show, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008** Solo Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
LA Art Show, Santa Monica, CA
Art of the 20th Century, New York, NY
Group Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
- 2007** Art of the 20th Century, New York, NY
49th International Award Exhibition, San Diego Art Institute, CA
Los Angeles Art Show, Santa Monica, CA
Gallery Henoch, New York, NY (Group Show)
72nd Annual Cooperstown Art Association Exhibition, Cooperstown, NY
Nicolet College Annual Art Competition, Rhineland, WI
- 2006** *40 Years: A Dealer's Collection*, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
Art of the 20th Century, New York, NY
US Artists, Philadelphia, PA 2006
ArtChicago in the Park, IL
Group Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
Solo Show, "Small Changes" Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2005** Group Show, Gallery Henoch, New York, NY
Art of the 20th Century, New York, NY

D O L B Y C H A D W I C K G A L L E R Y

- US Artists, Philadelphia, PA 2005 Greenwood Chebithes Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA (Two-Man Show)
San Diego Museum of Living Artists, San Diego, CA (Group Show)
Falkirk Cultural Center, Marin County, CA (Group Show)
- 2004** Solo Show, “Reckless Dreamers” Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2003** Group Show, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Group show, Marin Arts Council, Falkirk Center of the Arts
Two Man Show, Gary Ruddell New Work Greenwood Chebithes Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2002** Solo Show, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Group show, Inaugural Exhibition, Greenwood Chebithes Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
Palm Springs Desert Museum, Group Show, Juried by Michael Zakian, Ph.D.
Individual Artist Grant for excellence in the field of Painting
Marin Arts Council, Lance Walker, Director
- 2001** American Landscapes 2001, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, Maryland, Juried by Gary Vikan
International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, CA
- 2001** Pleiades Gallery, New York City, NY, Juried by Lisa Dennison, Deputy Director of Group Show, Guggenheim Museum
2001 National Exhibition, Cooperstown Art Association, NY
National Works on Paper, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
Watermedia Twelve Competition, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO, Juried by Judi Betts
Group Show, Touchstone Gallery, Washington D.C.
- 1999** Stephen F. Austin State University, Figuration in Contemporary Art Texas National 1999 Exhibit, Juried by James McGarrell
Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA National Juried Competition of Contemporary Painting, Juried by William Wilson
Holter Museum of Art, National Juried Exhibition, Juried by Peter Plagens
- 1998** 33rd Annual Open Exhibition, San Bernardino County Museum of Art, San Bernardino, CA, National Juried Competition of Contemporary Painting
27th National Exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT, Juried by Peter Frank
Edward Thorp Gallery - First Street Gallery, National Competition, Group Show, Juried by Edward Thorp, Director, New York, NY

- 1998** San Diego Museum of Art, Artists Guild All California Juried Exhibition, San Diego, CA
 Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas National 1998 Exhibit, Juried by Martha Erlebacher, Group Show, Figuration in Contemporary Art
 1998 Crocker Kingsley Biennial Exhibition, Juried by Sam Hernandez, University of Santa Clara Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- 1997** 26th National Exhibition, Juried by Jaune Quick-to-See Smith
 Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
 St. John's University, New York, NY
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
 University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
 Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
- 1996** San Bernardino County Museum of Art, San Bernardino, CA
 Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA
 San Diego Art Institute, San Diego Museum of Art, CA
- 1995** Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA
 San Diego Art Institute, San Diego Museum of Art, CA
- 1993** Cheekwood Tennessee Museum of Art, TN
 San Bernardino County Museum of Art, San Bernardino, CA
 National Juried Competition of Contemporary Painting
- 1992** 67th Annual Crocker-Kingsley Exhibition, Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, CA Juried by Henry Hopkins

Awards & Honors

- 2009** Honorable Mention in Painting, The Genesis of Bay Area Figurative Art Now, Art Space 712, San Francisco, CA
- 2007** Special Merit Excellence Award, Annual Northern Juried Competition, Rhineland, WI
- 2005** Hoffman Trust Award, San Diego Museum of Living Artists, CA
- 2005** Distinctive Honor Award in Painting, Falkirk Center for the Arts, CA
- 2003** Individual Artist Grant for Excellence in the Field of Painting, Marin Arts Council, CA
- 1999** Honorable Mention in Painting, Stephen F. Austin State University, TX
- 1998** Merit Award in Painting, Holter Museum of Art, MT
- 1995** Best of Show, Painting, Palm Springs Desert Museum of Art, CA
- 1993** Marin Arts Council Award for Artistic Excellence, Marin Arts Council, CA
- 1993** Award of Excellence in Painting, California State Fair Art Exhibition, CA

Statement

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Gary Ruddell draws on themes of familial relationships, depicting imagined landscapes and scenarios based on the small life changes of his children.

The painter captures the human condition not from a sentimental viewpoint but as a slice of daily reality. He creates visual narratives connected to beauty, family, pride and accomplishments. His lush paint combined with his imagery often create what one viewer has called “poems for the 21st century.”

-Bonnie Gangelhoff

With realistic and fully realized figures occupying landscapes that are blurred and abstracted Ruddell’s paintings are evocative of a memory or a dream. The imagery in the work is cinematic in quality, and elicits the feeling of a moment in time captured on the picture plane. Emotionally compelling and richly painted, the works reflect universal internal struggles while also indicating the need to simply have faith in the process of life and our relationships.

“Art, psychology, science, to me it is all one and the same,” say Ruddell. “You observe, record and make sense out of what you see and then you learn from it as a vehicle to understand how we are as people. The paintings are not decoration, but marks on the cave wall of how we are as 21st century people.”

Gary Ruddell is originally from San Mateo, CA and graduated with a BFA from the California College of the Arts. His work has been exhibited at the Crocker Museum of Art, The San Diego Museum of Art and the Holter Museum of Art as well as many other galleries and institutions.