

# Artist's Profile - Joe Abbrescia

"I view my paintings as an opportunity to share with others my love for life, nature and beauty."



## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### ONE MAN SHOWS:

"The Venice Collection", The Newman Gallery, Boston, MA December 1988.  
"Joe Abbrescia, Impressionist", The Driscoll Gallery, Beaver Creek, CO March 1988.  
"Recent Works by Joe Abbrescia", Museum of the Southwest, Midland, TX October 1987.  
Texas Art Gallery, Dallas, TX, 1982, 1984.  
Village Art Gallery, Skokie, IL, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986.  
Ace Powell Art Gallery, Kalispell, MT, 1975.

### TWO PERSON SHOWS:

Hockaday Museum of Art, Kalispell, MT April 11 – May 24, 2002.  
Woodbridge Gallery, Gualala, CA July 3 thru August 30, 1993.  
Overland Trail Fine Art Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ 1987.  
Texas Art Gallery, Dallas, TX 1981.

### GROUP INVITATIONAL SHOWS:

"Albuquerque Museum Foundation Miniatures 2004, Albuquerque, NM, 9/17-12/12/04.  
"Hockaday Benefit Auction of Miniatures", Kalispell, MT, 5/21/04.  
"C. M. Russell Museum Show & Auction, Great Falls, MT, 3/17-20/04.  
"American Miniatures", Settlers West Gallery, Tucson, AZ, 2/7/04.  
"Glacier National Park Artists", Hockaday Museum of Art, Kalispell, MTm 1/15/04.  
"Miniatures 2003, Albuquerque Museum", Albuquerque, NM 10/4/03-1/4/04.  
"Catalina Plein Air Show", Catalina Island, 10/19-26/03  
"CMR Museum Sale of Miniature Art", 9/6/03.  
"25th Anniversary Western Rendezvous of Art Show & Sale", 8/21-24/ 03.  
"C. M. Russell Museum Show & Auction", Great Falls, MT 3/19-22/2003.  
"Treasure State Invitational Art Show", Hamilton, MT, 2000, 2002.  
"Artists for Open Space, Montana Land Reliance Benefit", 1999, 2001, 2003.  
"Whitefish Gallery Miniature Show", Whitefish, MT 8/16-9/30/95, 8/15-9/30/96.  
"Our American Landscape", Bighorn Galleries, 7/31-8/30, 1995."Artfest", Hockaday Center for the Arts, Kalispell, MT, 1995 thru 1998.  
"The National Western Art Show & Auction, 5/19-21, 1995.  
"Valley Invitational Exhibit", Hockaday Center for the Arts, Kalispell, MT, 1994, 1995, 1996.

"Annual Mt. Oyster Contemporary Western Art Show & Sale", Tucson, AZ, 1994, 11/19/95-1/2/96.

"6th Annual Celebration of Western & Wildlife Art Show", Olympia, WA 9/30-10/1/94.

"The Montana Seven and Guest", The Bigfork Art and Cultural Center, Bigfork, MT, 7/7-9/3/94.

"Miller Gallery Western Show ", Cincinnati, OH, 11/5-27, 1993.

"C. M. Russell Museum Show & Auction", Great Falls, MT 1993 thru 2002.

"Seventh Annual Florence Carlton Art Auction", Florence, MT, 11/14/92.

"Holiday Art Festival Silent Auction", Whitefish, MT, 11/13, 1992.

"C. M. Russell Museum Benefit Exhibition", Great Falls, MT, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1986, 1992-2000.

"Ducks Unlimited Sponsors Benefit Quick Draw", Whitefish, MT, 8/30, 1992.

"American Collectors Invitational", Scottsdale, AZ, 3/13/1992.

"Annual Western Rendezvous of Art", Helena, MT, 1978, 1988, 1992.

"Four American Impressionists", Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 10/5-26, 1991.

"Plein Air Painters of America", Catalina Island, CA 1987, 1988 and 1989, 1990, 1991.

"Western Rendezvous of Art", Holter Museum, Helena, MT, 1988, 1992.

"Tucson Plein Air Show", Tucson, AZ, 1988

"Peppertree Ranch Show", Solvang, CA 1985, 1986.

"Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library Show", Midland, TX 1982 thru 1989, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 thru 1999. "American Royal Western Art Association Show", Kansas City, MO, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988.

"C. M. Russell Museum Artists Invitational Exhibition", Great Falls, MT 1974, 1975, 1977, 1986, 1991-1995. "Museum of Native American Cultures Western Art Show and Auction", Spokane, WA 1974-1978.

"Golden Age Classic", Casper, Wyoming 1984, 1985.

"Biltmore Celebrity Show", Beverly Hills, CA 1984.

"Society of American Impressionists", St. Louis, MO 1985 and Scottsdale, AZ 1986, 1987.

"American Artists Exhibition/Sale", St. Louis, MO 1986

"Scottsdale Invitational Art Show and Sale". Scottsdale, AZ 1986.

"Artists of the Rockies and the Golden West Ten-Year Anniversary Retrospective Exhibition & Sale, Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, Pueblo, CO 6/17-7/30, 1983.

"Drawings", Hockaday Center for the Arts, Kalispell, MT, 1978.

"Second Annual Summer Show", Finley Point Gallery, Polson, MT 7/29-31, 1978

"First Annual Summer Show", Finley Point Gallery, Polson, MT 7/28-30, 1977.

"West Texas Art & 'Ropin Show", Lubbock, TX, 1987.

"First Mayor's Invitational Parada del Sol Art Show & Sale", Scottsdale, AZ, 1987.

"Classic American Western Art Show", Beverly Hills, CA, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990.

## **HONORS:**

"Juror's Best of Show" CM Russell Museum Show & Auction 1998, 2002, 2004.

"Best Painting, CM Russell Museum Show & Auction, 1997, 2004.

"Featured Artist", Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 2004.

"Russell Chatham People's Choice Award", Artists for Open Space Show, August 2001.

"Spring's Mountain Kingdom" selected as Glacier National Park Art Collections fine art limited edition print, 1990.

"Artist in Residence", Glacier National Park, 1998.

"Artists' Choice Award", CM Russell Museum Show & Auction, 1994.

"Spring's Mountain Kingdom" selected as Glacier National Park Art Collections fine art limited edition print, 1990.

American Royal Western Art Association Artist of the Year, 1984.

Eighth Annual Museum of Native American Cultures Western Art Show and Auction, Best of Show Award, 1977.

Hockaday Art Center's Montana Artists Show, Second place award for oil "Canyon Creek, North Fork", 1976.

## **COMMISSIONS:**

Paintings for First Interstate Bank, Whitefish, MT, 2004.  
Private commission, Winston-Salem, NC, Bigfork, MT, Calgary, CAN, 2003.  
Private commission Whitefish MT/Salt Lake City UT, 2003.  
Private commission, Big Sky, MT, Helena, MT, Whitefish, MT, Polson, MT, 2002.  
Private commission, Houston, TX, 2001.  
Private commission, Dallas, TX; Bigfork, MT, 2000.  
Private commission, Calgary, ALB, CAN, 2000.  
Portrait commission, Las Vegas, NV, 2000.  
Glacier Park, Inc., "Many Glacier, Glacier National Park", 1999.  
Private commission, Calgary, ALB, CAN; Las Vegas, NV; Jamesburg, NJ, 1999.  
Private commission, Denver, CO; Santa Ynez, CA, 1998.  
Glacier Park Inc., "Lake McDonald Lodge, GNP, 1997.  
Private commissions, Hollywood, CA; Summerville, SC; Anchorage, AK; Bigfork, MT 1997.  
Portrait commissions, Plymouth, MN; Santa Inez, CA, 1997.  
Portrait commission, Darien, CT, 1996.  
Portrait commissions, Warrenton, VA; Tilamook, WA, 1995.  
Private commission, Stamford, CT, 1993.  
Private commission, Bigfork, MT, 1996.  
Private commission, Isaquah, WA, 1992.  
"Spring's Mountain Kingdom", Glacier National Park Art Collections Fine Art Limited Edition Print, 1990.  
Portrait of Ace Powell, Kalispell, MT, 1978.  
Murals for Bunker Ramo Corporation, Oak Brook, IL.  
Portrait of Dr. Raymond Carhart for Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.  
"Big Chief" oil painting for Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell, MT.  
Portrait of Nicholas Santucci for Skokie Valley Hospital, Skokie, IL.  
Portrait of Mrs. Nicholas Santucci for Skokie Valley Hospital, Skokie, IL.  
Oil painting of Big Mountain for Whitefish Winter Carnival, Whitefish, MT.  
Oil paintings, "The West", "The Desert", and "The Coast", for Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Portland, OR.  
Oil painting, "First Jump", for Sisters Rodeo Association, Sisters, OR.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

The Daily Interlake, Local Painter's Enjoyment of Glacier National Park Pays Off, 3/29/04.  
State of the Arts, May/June 2004.  
Biographical Encyclopedia of American Painters, Sculptors & Engravers of the United States-Colonial to 2002.  
Great Falls Tribune, 3/22/97, 3/21/98, 3/22/99, 3/21/00, 3/16/02, 3/17/02, 3/19/04, 3/20/04.  
Oil painting, "Winter's Trail", for Leaning Tree, Boulder, CO.  
Who's Who in the West, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.  
Southwest Art, "Mountains & Meadows, Ten Impressions of Light", August 1995.  
Montana Magazine, "Art a la Carte" by Jeanne F. Olson, May/June 1995.  
Freshen Your Paintings with New Ideas by Lewis Barrett Lehrman, 1994.  
Art of the West, "Joe Abbrescia-From the Heart" by Shelly Ritthaler, July/August 1994.  
Western Horseman Magazine, "Gallery" by Betty Harvey, March 1994.  
Energize Your Paintings With Color, second in the North Light series ELEMENTS OF PAINTING, by Lewis Barrett Lehrman, 1993.  
The Downtowner, "The Arts" by Jacqueline L. Bissonnette, November 1992.  
Phoenix Magazine, "In Plein View" by Kathryn Runbeck, October 1992.  
The Daily Inter Lake, "Newcomers on the Block" by Diana Lundgren, 6/29/92.  
Kalispell News, "Distinguished Artists Return to Kalispell" by Nate Olson, 6/26/92.

Vail Daily, "Abbrescia Brings His Vail Impressions to Canvas" by Greg Kail, 1/31/92.  
 The Avalon Bay News, "Plein Air Painters of America Arrive in Avalon", 10/17/91.  
 Wet Mountain Tribune, "Artsy Gathering", 7/18/91.  
 The Mansion News, "Joe Abbrescia" by Jim Clark, July 1990.  
 Southwest Art, "Editor's Perspective" by Susan Hallsten McGarry, January 1989.  
 The Odessa American, "Life's Excitement Inspires Art" by Eileen McClelland, 10/19/86. Southwest Art, "Joe Abbrescia-The Thrill of It All" by Susan Hallsten McGarry, September 1986.  
 Today on the Colorado River, "Shambles Art Studio to Host Workshop for Local Artists", 4/2/86.  
 The Vail Daily, "An Artist At Work" by Jack Affleck, 1/23/86.  
 Western Art Digest, "Landscape '86" by John Manson, March/April 1986. Scottsdale Scene Magazine, The Canvas Scene, "Joe Abbrescia Pays Close Attention to Light" by Judith Smith, February 1985.  
 The Northwest Journal, "Portrait of Ace Powell", Cover Winter 1984.  
 The State of Art, "Joe Abbrescia 1984 ARWA Artist of the Year", November 1984. Artists of the Rockies and the Golden West, "Joe Abbrescia" by John Manson, Spring 1983.  
 American Royal News, Autumn 1983.  
 The Western Horseman Magazine, "Gallery" by Chad Bergen, July 1980.  
 The Monterey Peninsula Review, May 15-21, 1980.  
 The Carmel Pine Cone, "Current Exhibits", 5/15/80.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "Abbrescia Gets Rodeo Commission", 6/20/79. Life Newspapers, "Montana Harmony Lures Local Art Gallery Owner", 4/19/79.  
 The Daily Inter Lake, "Elks Celebrate with Art Auction", 10/7/79. Newsweek Magazine, "Paint Your Wagon", September 10, 1979.  
 The Daily Interlake, "Local Artists Schedule Talks" by Darlene Burris, 12/3/78.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "Famed Artists at Game Farm", 11/78  
 Northwestern Banker, "Headin' Home", Cover September 1978. The Daily Inter Lake, "Joe Abbrescia Instructs Workshop", 5/7/78.  
 The Daily Inter Lake, "Wins 'Best of Show' Award", 3/28/78.  
 The Spokesman-Review, "Wild West-Artists Depicting the West and Its People Gather for Auction and Show This Weekend", 2/24/78.  
 The Daily Inter Lake, "Great Chief Award" by Mike Flynn, 2/5/78.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "Abbrescia Doing Big Chief Award", 12/7/77.  
 The Daily Inter Lake, "Abbrescia Picked for Art Creation", 12/7/77.  
 Energizer Magazine, "Montana Artists", 1977.  
 Northwestern Banker, "Western Art-A Good Investment", September 1977.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "Wilderness Lodge", 7/27/77.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "National Bison Range", 5/4/77.  
 Kalispell Weekly News, "Joe Abbrescia", 4/27/77.  
 Great Falls Tribune, "Art and Nature", 3/20/77.  
 The Daily Interlake, "Artists, Dealers Attend Show", 2/21/77.  
 Southwest Art, "Montana's Special Light" by Scott E. Dial, January 1977.  
 The Missoulian, "Artist Chooses Kalispell for Its 'Mystic Light'", 1/26/77.  
 The Glacier Herald, "Plans Begin for Beaux Arts Ball", 10/27/76.  
 Suburban Times, "Demonstrates Oil Portrait", 11/6/75  
 The Missoulian, "Glacier's Beauty Lures Illinois Artist" by Jo Ann Speelman, 9/6/75  
 Alumni Northwestern News, 1973.  
 The Skokie News, "Rodeo Riders in Skokie School" by Janis Guggenheim 12/6/73.

#### **WORKSHOPS, DEMONSTRATIONS & LECTURES:**

Workshop, Alberta, Canada, 8/22-27/04.  
 Workshop, Abbrescia Fine Art & Pottery Studios, Kalispell, MT, 6/4-6/04.  
 Workshop, Scottsdale Artists' School, Scottsdale, AZ 2/7-11/04.  
 Workshop, Crowsnest, ALB, CAN, 8/24-29/03  
 Workshop, Abbrescia Fine Art & Pottery Studios, Kalispell, MT, 5/30-6/1/03.  
 Workshop, Scottsdale Artists' School, Scottsdale, AZ 2/3-7/03.  
 Workshop, Crowsnest, ALB, CAN, 9/1-6/02.  
 Workshop, Abbrescia Fine Art & Pottery Studios, Kalispell, MT 1993-2002.

Workshop, ALB, CAN, 2004.  
Workshop, Scottsdale Artists' School, Scottsdale, AZ, 2/9-13/04.  
Workshop, Wildling Art Museum, 10/13-17/03.  
Workshop, ALB, CAN, 9/2-7/01.  
Workshop, ALB, CAN, 9/3-8/00.  
Instructor, Scottsdale Artists' School, Scottsdale, AZ, 1991-2003.  
Workshop, Glacier National Park, East Glacier, MT, 9/26-10/1/99.  
Workshop, Goldeye Art Center, Nordegg, ALB, CAN, 9-5-10/99.  
Workshop, Pocatello Art Center, Pocatello, ID, 4/7-11/97, 8/24-28/98.  
Workshop, Banff National Park, Nordegg, BC, Canada, 9/ 23-27/96. Instructor, Scottsdale Artists' School, Cambria, CA, 7/29-8/9/96.  
Instructor, Valdez Art Workshop, 7/22-26/96. Instructor, Scottsdale Artists' School, Scottsdale, AZ, 1/8-12/96.  
Panelist, Insight: Art, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ, 1/10/96  
Instructor, Valdez Art Workshop, 1994, 1995, 1996.  
Workshop, Glacier National Park, MT, 9/29-10/1, 1994.  
Workshop, Banff National Park, Nordegg, BC, Canada , 9/5-9, 1994.  
Workshop, Joseph Art School, Joseph, OR, 7/23-27, 1994.  
Workshop, Waterton National Park, 9/15-19, 1992; 9/14-17, 1993.  
Workshop, Colorado Mountain College, Vail, CO, 12/4-6, 1992.  
Workshop, Vail, CO, 7/6-10, 1992  
Workshop, Catalina Art Association, Catalina, CA 2/20-2/22, 1992. Lecture & Demonstration, Catalina Art Association, Catalina, CA, 2/19/1992.  
Workshop, Calgary, Canada, 9/10-9/15, 1991. Workshop, "Artist of the Rockies Painting Workshop", Westcliffe, Westcliffe, CO, 7/15-19, 1991.  
Workshop, "Giverny at Westcliffe", Westcliffe, CO 7/13-17, 1990.  
Workshop, Artists of the Rockies", Westcliffe, CO 8/1-5, 1988.  
Lecture & Demonstration, Scottsdale, AZ 1/31/87.  
Workshop, Phoenix, AZ 3/7-9, 1985.  
Conductor of lectures, demonstrations, workshops and panel discussions for the American Academy of Art, American Royal Art Association, Hockaday Center for the Arts, Arizona Artists Guild, Art Illusions, Flathead Valley Community College, Studio in the Woods, Southwest Museum of Art and numerous art associations, leagues and clubs throughout the country.

#### **ADDITIONAL:**

Judge and juror of numerous art competitions throughout the country.  
Guest Speaker, Bigfork Art & Cultural Center , Bigfork, MT, 11/14/97, 3/28/98, 4/11/00.  
Radio Interview by George Ostrom, Kalispell, MT 7/1991.  
Consultant for the Village Art School, Skokie, IL 1976 to 2004.  
Director of the Village Art School, Skokie, IL 1965 thru 1976.  
Founder of the Village Art School, Skokie, IL, 1965.  
Production Manager, Magee Studios, Chicago, IL, 1959-1965.