

# PAUL MURRAY, PSA

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 these enigmatic ideas and illuminate those things 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 good or valuable, if something is right or wrong, or if what we have done is worthwhile or not — unless our heart agrees.

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## HONORS

- **Landscape Juror, Pastel Journal Top 100 Competition, 2009/10**
- Outstanding Achievement Award, Masterworks of NM, 2008
- Museum of Albuquerque Miniatures Invitational Exhibition, 2009, 08, 07
- University of New Mexico Homecoming Poster Artist, 2006
- Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio, "Selections from the Pastel Society of America Exhibition" 2006
- Judge, NM State Fair Fine Arts, 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
- Signature Memberships, Pastel Society of America, Pastel Society of New Mexico, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico

## COLLECTIONS

- US State 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

- **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,** Second Place, Acrylic, 2007; Third Place Landscape, 2005; Second Place, Exterior / Architectural, 2004
- **Pastel Society of America International Exhibit;** Professional Artists of America Award, 2006, Ridgeway Art Institute Award, 1999
- **Artists Magazine** Finalist, 2005 Competition, 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," 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

- Third Place, 2008, First Place, 2007, Rio Grande Arts Association, Encantada Exhibit
- **BEST OF SHOW** Miniature Exhibit, 2007, 2004, 2003, 2002 First Place Miniature Acrylics, 2009, 08, 06, Popular Choice Award, Miniatures, 2008; Popular Choice Award, large exhibit, 2009, 06, Third place in both Oil and Pastel, 2009, Large Works, Masterworks of New Mexico
- **BEST OF SHOW**, Masterworks of New Mexico, Large Exhibit, 2005.
- **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:

- Brazos Fine Art, Taos, NM
- Weems Galleries, Albuquerque, NM