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STATEMENT

My work is a reflection of how I perceive the world and attempt to show a new and fresh perspective on the ordinary. Art is my way of depicting ideas through visual metaphors and creating emotion. I want to take what I love and appreciate about traditional art and put my own perspective on it. I strive to find new angles to tell stories in direct but subtle ways. Painting is exploration with purposes. It is watching ideas and inspiration come to life. I sometimes have snapshots of ideas in my mind and need to see how it will work as a painting. How will this piece of an idea come through in a painting? How will it evolve and shift through creation? What kind of emotional weight will it hold? This is what fascinates me about painting. It is working through the unknown and seeing where it takes me. Taking control of a painting and sometimes following the painting's lead.

BIO

Sam Wilson is a self taught oil painter based in San Antonio, TX whose main focus is realism. Born in 1986 originally from Wichita KS Sam was interested in art from a young age. In high school Sam took a number of art classes but his main focus was in ceramics. After high school Sam attended Butler Community College with a small scholarship for art. There he took a few design classes as well as sculpture. From there he attended The University of Kansas with a focus in Marketing Communications. After a year at KU at the age of 23 Sam took a break from university during which he painted his first oil painting under the guidance of his father, Kent Wilson. From that point on he never looked back and has since shown in a number of galleries and participated in competitions around the United States.

Sam has shown his work in several venues in Wichita and San Antonio as well as a number of competitions all over the United States. Among other recognition in 2015 his piece "American Busker" was selected as a finalist in the Hunting Art Prize in Houston. In 2016 he was the first place winner of the Jerry's Artarama Portrait Contest. Sam has original and commissioned artwork in private collections throughout Texas and the United States. Sam currently lives and works in San Antonio, TX.

Representation

Anarte Gallery Suite #202, 7959 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209 (2018)

Lovetts Gallery 6528 E 51st St, Tulsa, OK 74145 (2022)

Vickers Gallery 122 E Meadow Dr # E2, Vail, CO 81657 (2023)

Exhibitions/Competitions

2022

- Blue Star Contemporary Museum Red Dot Sale, San Antonio, TX
- "Golden Gods" (Solo Exhibition), RJD Gallery, Romeo, MI
- "It's A Soft Life" (Solo Exhibition). Anarte Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2021

- Blue Star Contemporary Museum Red Dot Sale, San Antonio, TX
- NOAPS 2021 Best of America Small Painting National Juried Exhibition, Principal Gallery, NC
- San Antonio Artist League 91st Juried Artist Exhibition, San Antonio, TX

2020

- The Human Condition Curated by Steven Daluz, Anate Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oils, Fredericksburg, TX
- NOAPS 2020 Best of America Small Painting National Juried Exhibition, Annapolis, MD
- Mark 100 Regional, Mark Arts, Wichita, KS

2019

- Nine Year Anniversary Group Exhibition, Dacia Gallery, New York, NY
- Hip to Be Square Fundraiser, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- New Texas Talent XXVI, Craighead Green Gallery, Dallas, TX
- "Being Human" (Solo Exhibition), FL!GHT Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2018

- "What Remains", FL!GHT Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2nd Annual Delusional Artist Competition, Johnathan LeVine Projects, Jersey City, NJ
- Concrete Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- The Visual Arts Center 11th Biennial National Art Exhibition, Punta Gorda, FL

2017

- Fusion Art's "Colors" Exhibition, Online
- OPOMAC 2017 Annual National Art Competition, Graham, TX
- Jerry's Artorama 5th Annual Self Portrait Contest.

2016

- Mesquite Fine Art Gallery National Small Works “Lucky 13”, Mesquite, UT
- SCAA 29th International Exhibition, Mableton, GA
- Art Kudos 2016 Competition, Online
- Colors of Humanity Art Gallery “Wet Paint”, Online
- 2016 Hunting Art Prize, Houston, TX

2014

- myartcontest.com International Still Life Exhibition, Online
- Light Space and Time International Figurative, Online
- High Wire Arts, San Antonio, TX

2013

- Century II Performing Arts Center, Wichita, KS
- City Arts Annual Juried Exhibition, Wichita,

2010-2012

- City Arts Annual Juried Exhibition, 10 & 12, Wichita, KS
- City Arts, Wichita, KS
- Commerce St. Gallery, Wichita, KS

Awards

- SAALM 91 Juried Artist Exhibition, **Onderdonk Purchase Prize (Best of Show)** - 2021
- SAALM 91 Juried Artist Exhibition, **Richard Keller Award** - 2021
- Boynes Emerging Artist Award 3rd Edition, **Finalist** - 2020
- Circle Foundation For The Arts, **Finalist July/August** - 2020
- 37th issue of Artist Magazine Annual Art Competition, **Honorable Mention** - 2020
- 25th Anniversary San Antonio Film Festival, **Poster Artist** - 2019
- Artist Portfolio Magazine Issue 40, **Cover Artist** - 2019
- Jerry's Artarama 5th Annual Self Portrait Contest, **First Place** - 2017
- South Cobb Artists Alliance National Exhibition, **SCAA Award of Distinction (2nd Place)** - 2016
- Colors of Humanity “Wet Paint”, **Best of Show** - 2016
- 2016 Hunting Art Prize, **Finalist** - 2016
- myartcontest.com International Still Life, **Second Place** - 2014
- Light Space and Time International Figurative, **Special Recognition** - 2014
- American Juried Art Salon, **Award of Excellence** - 2011

I have commissioned work in private collections across the country

