

OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA

2021 NATIONAL SALON SHOW | JUNE 10 THROUGH AUGUST 7

AT THE QUINLAN VISUAL ARTS CENTER



CHRIS BENAVIDES

Chris Benavides is a representational painter who loves painting people and images that inspire and point to the beauty of creation. He works in oil in the direct method and will usually be found either painting from a live model every week (pre and post-pandemic, of course), teaching a painting or drawing class to students at his local art center, painting plein air outdoors, or alone in his home studio. Chris finds inspiration from many sources and prefers to be an all-around painter while seeking to convey personal insights from each subject matter which uplift the viewer. This can be either through a means that is narrative in nature or one that is more open-ended.

His primary love and focus has always been on painting the figure and portrait, augmenting his learning through the workshop experience under several great instructors, including Stanka Kordic, Bryce Liston, Jeffrey Watts, Zhaoming Wu, Daniel Gerhartz, and Johanna Harmon who he counts as a personal friend and mentor. Upon graduating from Cooper School of Art in Cleveland, Ohio, Chris was hired by the American Greetings Corporation where he enjoyed a lengthy career as a designer and illustrator before leaving to pursue his own artistic goals. He is an associate member of the Oil Painters of America, and the Portrait Society of America, and his paintings have been juried into numerous local and national exhibitions. Chris has also had his paintings purchased by American Greetings to be a part of their permanent corporate collection, and does accept private commissions as well. He currently lives in Avon Lake, Ohio with his wife Tina, who is also an accomplished artist and calligrapher.