

## RITA ROBERTS

Artist. Writer. Illustrator.

### STUDIO

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### Self Employed Freelance Artist

**1991 - Present** Combining disciplines of:

- fine art, working with galleries across the country
- written and visual development of characters and story through screenwriting and children's books
- wide range of representational styles and media for illustration.

### Education

**2014** Graduated summa cum laude  
Master of Fine Arts - Illustration and Screenwriting  
Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California

**1987** Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Kansas City Art Institute,  
Kansas City, Missouri

**1983-85** Minneapolis College of Art and Design,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Teaching 2014 - ongoing** Artists Network University

### Selected Awards

**2013** Finalist - Figure Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

**2006** Honorable Mention, Salon International,  
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2005** Finalist Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

**2004** 2nd Place, Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition

**2003** Juror's Choice Award, Art at the Center, Annual Juried Exhibition  
Overland Park Arts Commission, Overland Park, Kansas

**2003** Awarded Signature Status in Oil Painters of America

**2002** Best of Show, Associated Artists of the San Luis Valley 18th Annual Juried Show  
Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado

**2002** "Mineral County Sky" Work Selected for Limited Edition Print,  
Creede, Colorado as the 2002 Creede Repertory Theatre Poster

**2001** Finalist / Landscape Category, The Artist's Magazine 2001 Annual Art Competition

**2000** First Place Associated Artists Annual Juried Show, Alamosa, Colorado

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

**2013** *Chance Encounters* with Andoni Canela, Firedworks Gallery,  
Alamosa, Colorado

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**2006** *Portals to Nature*, The Peterson-Cody Gallery,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**2004** *Introducing: Rita Roberts*, Peterson Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

**2003** *Cloud Performances*, Creede Repertory Theatre Gallery, Creede Colorado

**2002** *New Work*, Highland Art Center, Weaverville, California

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

**2014** National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society Best of America Exhibition,  
Dunnegan Gallery of Art, Bolivar, Missouri

**2014** Oil Painters of America Online Auction for Signature Members

**2013** Salon International, Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2012** Oil Painters of America Western Regional Juried Exhibition  
Gallery 1261, Denver, Colorado

**2012** Salon International,  
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2009-2012** Annual Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California

**2006** Salon International,  
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2005** Salon International,  
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2005** Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition  
Hilligoss Galleries, Chicago, Illinois

**2005** Colorado Governor's Invitational Show and Sale  
Loveland Art Museum, Loveland, Colorado

**2005** Emerging Artists Show - Sponsored by  
Art & Antiques Magazine, Scottsdale, Arizona

**2004** Women Artists of the West, 1904-2004  
Invitational - Eric Firestone Gallery, Tucson, Arizona

**2004** Women, Wine and Roses - Invitational, Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, California

**Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

**2003** Summertime - Invitational  
Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, California

**2003** Oil Painters of America  
West/Southwest Mountain Regional Exhibition of Traditional Oils,  
Waterhouse Gallery, Santa Barbara, California

**2003** Oil Painters of America 12th Annual National Juried Exhibition,  
Nichol's Taos Fine Art Gallery, Taos, New Mexico

**2002** Oil Painters of America 11th Annual National Juried Exhibition,  
Hilligoss Galleries, Chicago, Illinois

**2002** Salon International 2002  
Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art, San Antonio, Texas

**2001** Arts for the Parks Top 200  
Art West Gallery, Jackson, Wyoming

**2001** OPA's Western Regional Exhibition of Traditional Oils,  
Springville Art Museum Springville, Utah

**2001** 10th Annual Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,  
Zantman Galleries, Palm Desert, California

**Publications**

**July 2006** *American Art Collector*, "Dramatic Light & Western Skies"

**Aug./Sept. 2005** *Focus Santa Fe*, "Contemporary Artists, Legendary Art"

**December 2004** *The Artist's Magazine*, "Winners' Article"

**October 2004** *Southwest Art*, "Stormy Weather"

**Employment 1987 - 1991**

Illustrator and Art Director for Miner Container, Inc. Lenexa, Kansas. Clients included Wendy's, Wal-mart, Kansas City Chiefs Football, Royals Baseball, University of Kansas.