

## Exquisite Miniatures ~ The Paintings of Rachelle Siegrist



**Rachelle Siegrist** and her artist husband, Wes, capture the attention of viewers not with outstretched canvas but with miniature paintings so exquisitely rendered that they are often mistaken for photographs. Miniature art has been in existence for centuries and the current revival in its popularity has given rise to miniature art societies that in turn have given the Siegrists a platform for international recognition among peers and collectors. Their tiny treasures typically measure less than nine square inches and appear even more detailed when viewed under magnification. Consequently, Wes and Rachelle Siegrist enjoy a dimension of interactivity with viewers that few painters of standard easel-size paintings enjoy. A hallmark of their work is the ability to convey the feel of larger canvases or the essence of the natural world in miniature. It is no small wonder, therefore, that the Siegrists have been referred to as “World Ambassadors for Miniature Art”.

Wes and Rachelle Siegrist are members of The Society of Animal Artists, the Miniature Art Society of Florida, the Miniature Artists of America, the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC, the Cider Painters of America and the Hilliard Society of England. In addition, they are the authors of the world’s first standard definition of miniature art adopted by the Association of Miniature Artists.

Their book *Exquisite Miniatures by Wes & Rachelle Siegrist* accompanies a solo museum exhibition, *Under the Magnifying Glass: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes & Rachelle Siegrist*, which premiered at the prestigious R.W. Norton Art Gallery in Shreveport, LA in May of 2010. Their book *The World of Nature in Miniature; Paintings by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist* accompanied a solo museum exhibition by the same title which premiered at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen, LA in May of 2010 followed by a tour including the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure in Salina, KS and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, AZ.

The artists additionally have another museum exhibition tour featuring fifty of their miniature paintings that will run from 2011 thru 2013 and will include the following museums: Dunnegan Gallery of Art, Bolivar, MO; Museum of the Southwest, Midland, TX; Yadkin Cultural Arts Center, Yadkinville, NC; Denno Museum Center, Traverse City, MI; San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, CA; Nevada State Museum, Carson City, NV; ArtCenter Manatee, Bradenton, FL and the Museum of the Gulf Coast, Port Arthur, TX. A comprehensive overview of the Siegrists' 2010-2013 nationally touring museum exhibition of their miniature paintings may be viewed on their website.

The Siegrists are both actively involved in leadership with the Miniature Artists of America Society (MAA), holding several Board Offices between them. In 2010, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the MAA, Wes published the book *Modern Masters of Miniature Art in America* as a comprehensive overview of the history and modern scope of miniature art.

The Artists regularly exhibit in major wildlife expositions and shows in the United States and currently participate in numerous international miniature art exhibitions. They have exhibited their miniatures in museum venue exhibitions such as Birds in Art, Art of the Animal Kingdom and the Society of Animal Artists Annual Exhibitions. They reside in Townsend, Tennessee beside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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The Siegrists execute most of their paintings according to the **Association of Miniature Artists** guidelines:



- Minute in scale vs. life sized. For practicality following the general 1/6<sup>th</sup> scale for work sent to formal miniature exhibitions and shows.
- Delicate and painstaking technique that withstands magnification.
- Small in format and size: 25 inches or less for surface area.
- High in quality. The work should exemplify Fine Art ~ demonstrating a mastery of composition, color, values etc.

## **Rachelle Siegrist** *Updated: August 9, 2011*

### PERSONAL:

- b. 6/14/70 - Melbourne, FL
- Married 7/7/90 to Wes Siegrist (also an artist)
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- Website: <http://www.artofwildlife.com/>
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### EDUCATION:

- Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL -1989
- Primarily self-taught and learned from Wes

### CAREER HISTORY:

- Freelance Illustrator 1990-2000
- Teacher in various mediums 1990-1999 (adult and children's classes)
- Gallery Manager of the Highlands Museum of the Arts, Sebring, Florida 1995-1997
- Judge and Juror for various art shows and exhibits 1990 to date including:
  - 2000, 2010 Juror of Selection for the MASF International Miniature Art Exhibition
  - 2005, 2008, 2011 Jury of Admissions for the Miniature Artists of America
  - 2009 Juror of Selection for the SAA Small Works Exhibition
  - 2010 Awards Juror for Parklane Gallery's 18<sup>th</sup> International Miniature Show
  - 2010 MAA America Award Judge (At MASF)
- 1995 State Crawfish Stamp Artist, Florida
- Recipient of the WNAG/ AFC Conservation Artist Award: January 2007
- MAA Membership Chairperson 2009 to date

### SELECT PUBLISHED WORKS: *(See Website for Complete & Current Listing)*

- Birds In Art Exhibition Catalogue - 1999, 2000, 2004, 2007
- Society of Animal Artists Exhibition Catalogue - 2001, 2003-2011
- *Wildlife Art Magazine* - various issues from 1999 to 2008
- Best of Portraits by North Light Books - 1998
- MAA Traveling Exhibition Catalogue 2008-2012
- MASF Exhibition Catalogue - 1998, 1999-2010
- MASF Catalogue of The Permanent Collection - 2000
- MPSGS Exhibition Catalogue - 2010
- Art of the Animal Kingdom Exhibition Catalogue - 2002, 2004, 2006-2010
- Endangered Species Exhibition Catalogue 2008
- Western Visions Miniatures & More Exhibition Catalogue – 2007-2011
- Art for Conservation Exhibition Catalogue – 2008
- Exquisite Miniatures by Wes & Rachelle Siegrist – 2008
- The World of Nature in Miniature; Paintings by Wes & Rachelle Siegrist - 2009
- Modern Masters of Miniature Art in America - 2010

### CURRENT ASSOCIATIONS: *(See Website for Past Associations)*

- American Women Artists - Signature Member
- The Association of Miniature Artists – Founding member
- The Cider Painters of America - Signature Member
- The Gallery of Artists
- The Hilliard Society of England - Signature Member
- The Miniature Artists of America - Signature Member
- The Miniature Art Society of Florida
- The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC – associate member
- The Society of Animal Artists - Signature Member
- The World Federation of Miniaturists

### COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS: *(See Website for Further Listing)*

- The American Egg Board
- The Miniature Art Society of Florida
- The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
- The Museum and Art Galleries of John Logan College
- The Hilliard Society of England

- State of Florida
- Avon Park Community College

#### SOLO MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS:

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David J. Wagner, Ph.D., Curator/Tour Director*

- “UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist”  
The R.W. Norton Art Gallery, Shreveport, LA, 4747 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106  
Tuesday, May 4 through Sunday, July 25, 2010
- “THE WORLD OF NATURE IN MINIATURE: Paintings by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist”  
The West Baton Rouge Museum, 845 N. Jefferson Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana 70767  
Sunday, May 16 through Saturday, July 31, 2010  
Tour Venues:
  - The Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, 625 N. Hedville Road, Salina, KS 67401  
September 4, 2011 - November 28, 2011
  - The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 North Kinney Road, Tucson, Arizona 85743  
December 11, 2010 - March 13, 2011
- “EXQUISITE MINIATURES BY WES AND RACHELLE SIEGRIST”
  - The Dunnegan Gallery, 511 North Pike, Bolivar, MO 65613  
Saturday, April 16 through Sunday, May 15, 2011
  - The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, TX 79701-6516  
Friday, June 10 through Sunday, August 28, 2011
  - The Yadkin Cultural Arts Center, 226 E. Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055  
Saturday, September 17 - Sunday, October 16, 2011
  - The Dennon Museum Center, 1701 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686  
Saturday, November 5, 2011 through Sunday, January 1, 2012
  - The San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101-1624  
Saturday, January 21 through Wednesday, March 21, 2012
  - The Nevada State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City, Nevada 89701  
Wednesday, August 15 through Monday, October 15, 2012
  - The ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. West, Bradenton, FL 34205  
Thursday, January 10 - Sunday, March 10, 2013
  - Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St., Port Arthur, TX 77640  
Sunday, April 7 through Sunday, June 2, 2013

#### GROUP EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS: *(Includes Pending Current Year: See Website for Awards and Full Listing)*

- 1998-2011 International Miniature Art Show (MASF)(FL)
- 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2010 Kentucky National Art & Wildlife Exhibit (biennial) (KY)
- 1999, 2000 (Tour), 2004(Tour), 2007 Birds in Art (WI)
- 1999-2011 Cider Painters of America Miniature Exhibit (PA)
- 2000-2011 Hilliard Society Exhibition, England
- 2000 2<sup>nd</sup> World Federation of Miniaturists Show, Tasmania, Australia
- 2000-2011 MPSGS Miniature Exhibit (DC)
- 2001-2011 Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival (GA) - Featured Artist in 2008
- 2001-2011 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SC)
- 2001(Tour), 2003-2011(Tour Annually) “SAA Art and the Animal” (Museum Venues)
- 2002, 2004, 2006-2010 Art of the Animal Kingdom (VT)
- 2002-2011 The Waterfowl Festival (MD)
- 2003-2011 NatureWorks Wildlife Art Show & Sale (OK)
- 2003 Society of Animal Natural Selections V (Small Works) (FL)
- 2004 3<sup>rd</sup> World Federation of Miniaturists – Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- 2004-2012 MAA Traveling Exhibition (Various Venues)
- 2005-2008 Art of the Rainforest Exhibition (Museum Venues)
- 2007-2010 Art of Canines Exhibition (Museum Venues)
- 2007-2011 Western Visions Miniatures and More - National Museum of Wildlife Art (WY)
- 2007-2008, 2011 International Exhibition on Animals in Art (LA)
- 2007-2008, 2011 American Women Artists Exhibition (Various Venues)
- 2007-2009 American Art in Miniature - Gilcrease Museum (OK)
- 2008 4<sup>th</sup> World Federation of Miniaturists - Burnie, Tasmania, Australia
- 2008 Endangered Species: Flora and Fauna in Peril Exhibition (Various Venues)
- 2009 Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Annual Exhibition, England
- 2011 Art of the Dive: Portraits of the Deep (Museum Venues)
- 2011 Masters in Miniature Invitational Show at Trailside Galleries (WY)
- 2013 The Sea of Cortez (Museum Venues)