

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 which in turn have given the Siegrists a platform for international recognition among peers and collectors. Their tiny treasures typically measure less than 9 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*, premiering 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 accompanies a solo museum exhibition by the same title premiering at the West Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen, LA in May of 2010 followed by a tour including the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, AZ.

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 venues such as Birds in Art, Art of the Animal Kingdom, the Society of Animal Artists Annual Exhibitions and the Smithsonian Institution. 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 1/6th 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 10, 2010*

PERSONAL:

- b. 6/14/70 - Melbourne, FL
- married 7/7/90 to Wes Siegrist (also an artist)
- resides: 322 Domar Dr., Townsend, Tennessee 37882-4108
- website: <http://www.artofwildlife.com/>
- blog: <http://underthemagnifier.wordpress.com/>

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)
 - 2011 Workshop instructor at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Art Institute
- 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 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 18th 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

PUBLISHED WORK: *(See Website for Complete & Current Listing)*

- Birds In Art Exhibition Catalogue - 1999, 2000, 2004, 2007
- Society of Animal Artists Exhibition Catalogue - 2001, 2003-2010
- *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
- *US Art Magazine* - Sept. 2001
- *InformArt Magazine* – 2003-2005
- Art of the Animal Kingdom Exhibition Catalogue - 2002, 2004, 2006-2010
- Itty Bitty Art by Zena Chew - 2007
- Endangered Species Exhibition Catalogue 2008
- Western Visions Miniatures & More Exhibition Catalogue – 2007-2010
- 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

ASSOCIATIONS:

- American Women Artists - Signature Member
- The American Society of Marine Artists
- The Artists for Conservation
- The Association of Miniature Artists – founding member
- The Society of Animal Artists - Signature Member
- The Miniature Art Society of Florida
- The World Federation of Miniaturists
- The Cider Painters of America - Signature Member
- The Hilliard Society of England - Signature Member
- The Miniature Artists of America - Signature Member; Membership Chair 2009-
- The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC –associate member

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

- 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:

Produced by David J. Wagner, L.L.C.
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, L, 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
- “THE WORLD OF NATURE IN MINIATURE: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist”
The Dennon Museum Center, 1701 E. Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686
Saturday, November 5, 2011 through Sunday, January 1, 2012

GROUP EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS: *(See Website for Awards and Further Listing)*

- 1989-2001: Various festivals, shows and exhibitions in Florida and Tennessee
- 1998-2010 International Miniature Art Show (MASF)(FL)
- 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2010 Kentucky National Art & Wildlife Exhibit (biennial) (KY)
- 1998-2000 Miami Museum of Space and Science Exhibition (FL)
- 1998-2000, 2005 Mondak Heritage Centers Miniature Art Exhibit (MT)
- 1999-Sulphur Springs Valley National Miniature and Small Works Show (AZ)
- 1999-2005 Papermill Playhouse Miniature Exhibit (NJ)
- 1999, 2000 (Tour), 2004(Tour),2007 Birds in Art (WI)
- 1999-2006 Southern Wildlife Festival (AL)
- 1999-2009 CPA Exhibit (PA)
- 1999-C&J Miniature Arts Challenge (IL)
- 1999-2001 Annual Miniature Juried Art Show (CO)
- 1999-Small Works Exhibition
- 1999-Southern Coast Invitational Miniature Show (FL)
- 1999-2001, 2004-2010 Annual Seaside Art Gallery Miniature Art Show (NC)
- 1999-Gateway to the Rockies Miniature Art Show (CO)
- 1999-2000 Silver Springs Wildlife Art Show (FL)
- 2000 Annual International Miniature Show and Sale (CO)
- 2000-2002 Virginia Beach Wildlife Art Festival (VA)
- 2000-2010 Hilliard Society Exhibition, England
- 2000 2nd World Federation of Miniaturists Show, Tasmania, Australia
- 2000-2011 MPSGS Miniature Exhibit (DC)
- 2001-2010 Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival (GA) – Featured Artist in 2008
- 2001-2011 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SC)
- 2001(Tour), 2003- 2009(Tour), 2010 "SAA Art and the Animal" (Museum Venues)
- 2001 Omaha Zoo Wildlife Art Show (NE)
- 2001-2003 Art Dans La Petit Miniature Show - Richard James Gallery (SC)
- 2002 Society of Animal Artists “Art and the Animal Mini Show,” Sportsman's Gallery (GA)
- 2002-2010 The Art of Miniature - Snowgoose Gallery (PA)
- 2002, 2004, 2006-2010 Art of the Animal Kingdom (VT)
- 2002-2010 The Waterfowl Festival (MD)
- 2003-2011 NatureWorks Wildlife Art Show & Sale (OK)
- 2003 North Carolina Wildlife Art Festival (NC)

- 2003 Society of Animal Natural Selections V (Small Works) (FL)
- 2003-2004, 2007 Miniature Show - Elsinore Gallery (WA)
- 2004 3rd World Federation of Miniaturists – Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC – Rachele demonstrated to the public in the International Gallery (DC)
- 2004-2010 Annual Parklane Gallery Mini Show (WA)
- 2004-2005 Art of the Animal – Miami MetroZoo Exhibit (FL)
- 2004-2012 MAA Traveling Educational Exhibit (Various Venues)
- 2005-2008 Art of the Rainforest Exhibition Tour (Museum Venues)
- 2007-2010 Art of Canines Exhibition Tour (Museum Venues)
- 2005 Miniatures in Mariposa (CA)
- 2005 Drawn to Nature Exhibition (MN)
- 2005 Nature’s Palette Art Show (AZ)
- 2005-2009 “Almost Miniatures” Francesca Anderson Fine Arts (MA)
- 2005 Paco Young Benefit Show and Auction, Gallery Jamel (MD)
- 2005-2008 The Sue Burton Traveling Exhibition (Various Venues)
- 2006-2010 Masterworks in Miniature – Gallery One (OH)
- 2006, 2008 Bennington Center for the Arts Small Works Show (VT)
- 2006 Grant’s Pass Museum Wildlife Art Show (OR)
- 2006 Finalist in the 23rd Annual Artist’s Magazine Art Competition
- 2006 No Ordinary Line: Sketches from Field and Studio, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (WI)
- 2007-2010 Masterpieces in Miniature Invitational Art Show – Picture This Gallery, Canada
- 2007-2010 Western Visions Miniatures and More – National Museum of Wildlife Art (WY)
- 2007-2008 International Exhibition on Animals in Art (LA)
- 2007, 2010 Artistic Design’s Annual Miniature Art Show (IN)
- 2007 Paint The Parks 2nd Mini 50 (Museum Venues)
- 2007 Birds in America Invitational Show, Francesca Anderson Fine Art Gallery (MA)
- 2007-2009 Small Works ~ Big Impressions at the Wildlife Experience (SAA) (CO)
- 2007 Mendocino Art Center’s Animal Art Exhibition & Marine Art Exhibition (CA)
- 2007-2008 American Women Artists Exhibition (Various Venues)
- 2007-2009 American Art in Miniature ~ Gilcrease Museum (OK)
- 2007-2008 Small Works North America Exhibition & Sale (CT)
- 2008 4th World Federation of Miniaturists – Burnie, Tasmania, Australia
- 2008 Reflections of Nature, Fallbrook (CA)
- 2008 Endangered Species: Flora and Fauna in Peril Exhibition and Tour (Various Venues)
- 2008 Art for Conservation (NJ)
- 2008-2009 Heartland Miniature Art Show (KS)
- 2008 It’s A Small World - World Class Art in Miniature (FL)
- 2008 Miniature Art Society of New Mexico Miniature Exhibition: NMMAS (NM)
- 2009 Out of the Box Exhibition (WY)
- 2009 It’s A Small World Show (TX)
- 2009 Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Annual Exhibition, England