

Exquisite Miniatures ~ The Paintings of Wes Siegrist



Wes Siegrist and his artist wife, Rachele, 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 Rachele 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 Rachele 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 & Rachele Siegrist* accompanies a solo museum exhibition, *Under the Magnifying Glass: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes & Rachele 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 Rachele 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.

PERSONAL:

- b. 1/29/66 - Jeffersonville, IN
- married 7/7/90 to Rachelle (Davis)- also an artist
- resides: 322 Domar Dr., Townsend, Tennessee 37882-4108
- website: <http://www.artofwildlife.com/>
- blog: <http://underthemagnifier.wordpress.com/>

EDUCATION:

- BA - Fine Arts - Evangel University, Springfield, MO - 1988
- BA - Graphic Arts - Evangel University, Springfield, MO – 1988
- Post Graduate study in the history of Miniature Art

CAREER HISTORY:

- Intern for Gospel Publishing House 1988
- Taught college level beginning ceramics 1988
- Designer at Ad agency 1988-1989
- Freelance Illustrator 1987-2000
- Illustrated “The Realm of the Panther” – a Nature Conservancy Habitat Book 1999
- Teacher in various mediums 1988-1999 (adult and children’s classes)
 - 2006 Instructor/ Demonstrator for the SKB Foundation Workshop
 - 2010 Children’s art classes in conjunction with the World of Nature in Miniature Exhibition venue at Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, Salina, KS
 - 2011 Workshop instructor at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Art Institute
- Lecturer 1990 to date including:
 - 2010 - The History of Miniature Art and the Scope of the Modern Movement
- 1999-2001 career day speaker at Okeechobee, FL high school
- Vice President of the Highlands Museum of the Arts, Sebring, Florida – 1995
- President of the Highlands Museum of the Arts and Highlands Art League, Sebring, Florida – 1996-1997
- 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, 2009 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 Awards Juror for the 77th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, MPSGS
- Webmaster:
 - The Southern Wildlife Festival 2000 to 2007
 - Society of Animal Artists 2001 to date
 - The Hilliard Society, Assistant Webmaster 2002 to date
 - The Susan K. Black Foundation 2004 to date
 - The Miniature Artists of America 2005 to date
 - The Miniature Art Society of Florida 2005 to date
 - The Association of Miniature Artists 2009 to date
- Moderator/ Co-Moderator of The Yahoo Wildlife Art Forum (@1999-2000)
- Recipient of the AFC/WNAG Conservation Artist Award ~ December 2006
- Exhibition Coordinator for the Miniature Artists of America 2007 to date
- Archivist and Historian for the Miniature Artists of America 2008 to date
- Author
 - 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

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

- Kentucky National Art & Wildlife Exhibit Catalogue - 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002
- Birds In Art Exhibition Catalogue - 2000, 2004, 2006, 2010
- Society of Animal Artists Exhibition Catalogue - 2001-2010
- *Wildlife Art Magazine* - various issues from 1999 to 2008
- MAA Traveling Exhibition Catalogue 2008-2012
- MASF Exhibition Catalogue - 2000-2005, 2007-2010
- MASF Catalog of The Permanent Collection - 2000
- MPSGS Exhibition Catalogue - 2009
- The Realm of the Panther (book illustrated by Wes) - 2000

- *US Art Magazine* - 2001
- *InformArt Magazine* – 2003-2005
- Art of the Animal Kingdom Exhibition Catalogue - 2002, 2004-2010
- Arts for the Parks Exhibition Catalogue – 2005-2006
- Blossom ~ Art of Flowers Exhibition Catalogue – 2007
- Paint America and Paint the Parks Exhibition Catalogues 2006-2008
- Endangered Species Exhibition Catalogue - 2008
- 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:

- Artists for Conservation (formerly The Worldwide Nature Artists Group)
- The American Society of Marine Artists
- The Society of Animal Artists (webmaster since 2001) - Signature Member
- The Miniature Art Society of Florida (webmaster since 2005)
- The World Federation of Miniaturists
- The Association of Miniature Artists – Founder
- The Cider Painters of America - Signature Member
- The Hilliard Society of England - Signature Member, assistant webmaster
- The Miniature Artists of America - Signature Member (webmaster since 2005, Historian/Archivist since 2008, Exhibition Coordinator since 2006)
- The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC - associate member
- The Susan Kathleen Black Foundation, Instructor (2006) (webmaster 2004 -2010)
- The Southern Wildlife Festival, Decatur, Alabama (webmaster 2001-2007)
- The Paint America Association – Signature Member

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

- The Miniature Art Society of Florida
- The City of Orlando, Florida
- The Daytona Beach Museum of Arts & Sciences
- Cox Media, Tulsa OK
- South Florida Community College
- The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

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, 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
- “THE WORLD OF NATURE IN MINIATURE: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist”
The Dennis 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 Full Listing*)

- 1987-2001: Various festivals, shows and exhibitions in Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri & Tennessee
- 1995,1997,1999,2000 Silver Springs Wildlife Art Show (FL)
- 1998-2011 International Miniature Art Show (MASF) (FL)
- 1998 Myrtle Beach Wildlife Exposition (SC)
- 1998 World of Birds Exhibit (FL)
- 1998-1999,2005,2007-2009 Mondak Heritage Center Miniature Art Exhibit (MT)

- 1998-2000 Miami Museum of Space and Science Exhibition (FL)
- 1998 International Nature Fine Arts (MA)
- 1998 Yankee Heritage Art & Nature Festival (MA)
- 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 Kentucky National Art & Wildlife Exhibit (biennial) (KY)
- 1997, 2006 LSU International Exhibition on Animals in Art (LA)
- 1998, 1999, 2002-2010 Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival (GA) – Featured Artist in 2008
- 1999-2005 Papermill Playhouse Miniature Exhibit (NJ)
- 1999-C&J Miniature Arts Challenge (IL)
- 1999 Sulphur Springs Valley National Miniature and Small Works Show (AZ)
- 1999 Friends of the National Zoo Exhibit (DC)
- 1999-2006 Southern Wildlife Festival (AL)
- 1999-2001, 2008-2010 Annual Miniature Juried Art Show El Dorado Gallery(CO)
- 1999-2009 CPA Exhibit (PA)
- 1999-2002 Virginia Beach Wildlife Art Festival (VA)
- 1999-2001, 2004-2010 Annual Seaside Art Gallery Miniature Art Show (NC)
- 1999, 2007-Gateway to the Rockies Miniature Art Show (CO)
- 2000, 2004, 2006, 2010 Birds in Art (WI)
- 2000-2010 Hilliard Society Exhibition, England
- 2000 2nd World Federation of Miniaturists Show, Tasmania, Australia
- 2000-2002 North Georgia Wildlife Arts Festival (GA)
- 2000-2011 MPSGS Miniature Exhibit (DC)
- 2002 Southern Coast Invitational Miniature Show (FL)
- 2002-2011 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SC)
- 2001(Tour), 2002, 2003-2009(Tour), 2010 "SAA Art and the Animal" (Various Museums)
- 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, 2004-2010 Art of the Animal Kingdom (VT)
- 2002-2010 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)
- 2003-2004 Geoffrey Smith Gallery Show (FL)
- 2004 3rd World Federation of Miniaturists – Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC – Wes demonstrated to the public in the International Gallery (DC)
- 2004-2010 Annual Parklane Gallery Mini Show (WA)
- 2004-2012 MAA Traveling Exhibit (Various Venues)
- 2004-2005 Art of the Animal – Miami Metro Zoo Exhibit (FL)
- 2005-2008 Art of the Rainforest Exhibition Tour (Museum Venues)
- 2007-2010 Art of Canines Exhibition Tour (Museum Venues)
- 2005 Drawn to Nature Exhibition (MN)
- 2005 Arts for the Parks Top 200 (WY)
- 2005, 2007-2008 Miniatures in Mariposa (CA)
- 2005-2006 Arts for the Parks Mini 100 (WY)
- 2005-2006 Grants Pass Museum Wildlife Art Show (OR)
- 2005 Paco Young Benefit Show and Auction, Gallery Jamel (MD)
- 2005 Nature’s Palette Art Show (AZ)
- 2005-2009 “Almost Miniatures” Francesca Anderson Fine Arts (MA)
- 2006-2010 Masterworks in Miniature – Gallery One (OH)
- 2006 No Ordinary Line: Sketches from Field and Studio, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum (WI)
- 2006-2007 Paint America Top Mini 50 Competition, AZ&WY 06, MT 07 (Various Venues)
- 2006 Blossom ~ Art of Flowers Competition, Exhibition & Tour (Museum Venues)
- 2007 Birds in America Invitational Show, Francesca Anderson Fine Art Gallery (MA)
- 2007 -2010 Masterpieces in Miniature Invitational Art Show – Picture This Gallery, Canada
- 2007 Mendocino Art Center’s Animal Art Exhibition & Marine Art Exhibition (CA)
- 2007-2010 Artistic Design’s Invitational Miniature Show (IN)
- 2007-2010 Heartland Miniature Art Show (KS)
- 2007-2008 Paint the Parks Mini Exhibition (Museum Venues)
- 2007-2009 Small Works ~ Big Impressions at the Wildlife Experience SAA (CO)

- 2007-2008 Miniature Art Society of New Mexico Miniature Exhibition: NMMAS (NM)
- 2007-2009 American Art in Miniature ~ Gilcrease Museum (OK)
- 2007-2008 Small Works North America Exhibition & Sale (Top 40) (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 It's A Small World - World Class Art in Miniature (FL)
- 2009 Bennington Center for the Arts Small Works Show
- 2009 It's A Small World Show (TX)
- 2009 Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Annual Exhibition, England