Barrie Maguire

Biography

I come from a family of artists going back several generations. Since earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Notre Dame, I have had many careers in the creative arts, from Advertising Art Director to Creative Director at Hallmark Cards to Book Designer and cartoonist to newspaper editorial illustrator. I founded *NewsArt.com* in 1997, a website that displays and electronically distributes my op-ed art and that of 9 other artists to newspapers across North America and the world (or used to before that collapse of the newspaper industry).

After my first trip to Ireland in 1998, I began oil painting for the first time since college, and painting Ireland became my passion. Realistic, representational paintings of literally anything I see there that turns me on, from fiddlers to horses to mystical landscapes (the Irish Quilts series), plus an ongoing series of large graphic paintings of famous Irish Writers.

In the past few years I have begun painting images of Upstate New York, specifically Echo Lake in Smithville Flats, NY. The painting entered in this 2020 National Show is of Echo Lake.

As a former graphic designer, it is the graphic nature of an object that matters to me. The design of it. When I paint landscapes I am trying to capture not so much the beauty of the scene but the power. I often zoom into a subject looking for a surprising abstract core to paint. I believe in strong colors and strong design and I always set out to make my paintings "amazing."

I live in Narberth, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. I spend summers in Chenango County, NY, with my wife Karen, a free-lance editor, where we have a cottage and studio by the lake.

All my paintings can be seen at *maguiregallery.com*, a website that also contains art works by my entire family, from my parents to my siblings, our children, cousins, and spouses.

My paintings and limited edition prints are hanging in homes (and Irish Pubs) in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, New Zealand, China, Malaysia, Ireland and throughout North America, from Chicago to Houston to San Diego to Philadelphia.

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Gallery Shows

- 2020 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2019 Juried Show, Mills Pond Gallery, Mills Pond, NY
- 2019 Juried Show, Regional Invitational, NJEAA, Stockton, NJ
- 2019 Juried Show, The Cooperstown Art Assn., Cooperstown, NY
- 2019 Juried Show, Berks Art Alliance, Reading PA
- 2019 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2018 Juried Show, The Art of the Horse, NJEAA, Stockton, NJ
- 2018 Juried Show, The Cooperstown Art Assn., Cooperstown, NY
- 2018 Juried Show, Berks Art Alliance, Reading PA
- 2018 Juried Show, Oxford Art Center, Oxford, PA
- 2018 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2017 Juried Show, The Bennington Center for the Arts, Bennington, VT
- 2017 Juried Show, The Cooperstown Art Assn., Cooperstown, NY
- 2017 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2016 Juried Group Show, Goggleworks, Reading, PA, prize
- 2016 Juried Show, New Jersey Equine Artists Assn., Basking Ridge NJ
- 2016 Juried show, Annmarie Arts Center, Dowell MD
- 2016 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2016 Group Show, Schenkenfeld Gallery,
- 2015 Group Show, Studio B prize
- 2014 Juried Group Show, Goggleworks, Reading, PA
- 2014 Group Show, Studio B prize
- 2013 Group Show, Studio B
- 2012 Group Show, Montgomery County Comm. College
- 2012 Group Show Studio B "featured artist"
- 2012 Group Show, Studio B 'Okie" Best in show
- 2011 Group Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2009 Group Show, Powerscourt Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008 "Art of the Family Maguire" Show Riverside Arts Center, Millville, NJ
- 2006 "Remembering Ireland" Show One man show Melberger Gallery, Scranton, PA
- 2005 One man show Donegal Square, Bethlehem, PA
- 2005 Juried Group show, Art Center, Champniers, France
- 2003 Juried Group show, Killarney Art Gallery, Killarney, Ireland
- 2000 Juried Group show, Gallery 44, Cork, Ireland
- 2000 Juried Group show, Esther Kline Gallery, Philadelphia
- 2000 One man show at the Plough & the Stars, Philadelphia
- 1999 Juried Group show, Salon des Amis, Yellow Springs

Ongoing -

Celt-Iberia Traders Gallery, New Hope, PA

2008 to present - Wyoming Seminary Arts Center, Wilkes Barre, PA