

Alexander Shanks

Alexander Shanks was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1996. He began his artistic training at an early age through the classical methods taught by his parents, Nelson and Leona Shanks. Growing up, Alexander worked extensively in graphite and charcoal, in his father's studio, while his father Nelson painted portrait commissions and other major paintings. Alexander studied at Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia, completing four years of training, while simultaneously taking workshops with a variety of notable artists.

Alexander lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania where he paints in his private studio, actively fusing classical methods with contemporary ideas. Alexander regularly visits museums for inspiration and historical understanding of art. Heavily influenced by classical and contemporary art, Alexander paints portrait commissions, still life and figure paintings, through observational creative exploration. Producing pieces that correspond to his own life experiences. Alexander is currently a teacher of realist art and an accomplished freelance painter.

Education:

Nelson Shanks private Studio

Studio Incamminati Professional Program Studio Incamminati Emerging Artists Program

Biography: Teaching and Lectures

2015: Speaker at TRAC, The Representational Art Conference, Ventura Ca.

2017: Visiting Artist Residency, Culver Academy, Culver, IN.

2019: Bucks County Art Association; Guest Speaker

2019: Doane Academy; Guest Speaker

2019: Wayne Art Center, Adult Education Instructor; Painting the Portrait in Oil

2020 to present: Wayne Art Center, Adult Education Instructor; Painting the Portrait in Oil and Advanced oil painting.

Competitions and Awards

2017, 2019: Salmagundi Club NYC, Sketching Competition

2018: Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Show "Best in Show"

2019: Hudson Valley Art Association Study Abroad Scholarship, Perugia Italy 2019:

Studio Incamminati Annual Portrait Competition

2019: "21 under 31" Artists to Watch: Southwest Art Magazine September Issue

2019: Selected Artist; Plein Aire Plus at Long Beach Island Foundation

Exhibitions:

2016, 2017, 2018 Studio Incamminati Exhibition, Freemans Gallery, Philadelphia Pa.

2016, 2018 Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Show

2017, 2018 PYO Exhibition, Union League of Philadelphia

2017, 2018 Univ. of Pennsylvania Hospital, Perelman Center, Department of Plastic Surgery 2017, Plays and Players Gallery, Doom's Day, Philadelphia

2017, Stanek Gallery, Nelson Shanks and his influence: Past, Present and Future

2018, 22 Gallery, Philadelphia

2019, Wayne Art Center Annual Spring Show

2019, Avery Gallery Annual Exhibition, Bryn Mawr, PA.

2019, Long Beach Island "Island Life" Exhibition

2019, Wayne Art Center Faculty Exhibition

2020, Long Beach Island "Island Life" Exhibition

2021, Art Renewal Center; Semi-Finalist, Still life Category

2021, Spring Off the Wall Exhibition, Wayne PA

2021, Back to Nature Exhibition, Wayne PA

2021, Viridian Artists "30 under 30 Exhibition" NYC

2021, Studio Incamminati "Exhibition Profectus" Philadelphia, PA

2021, Verum Ultimum Gallery "Liminal" Portland Oregon