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## **Robert Bracketti**

American, b. 1952

Robert Bracketti is a self-taught sculptor, painter and mixed-media artist. He has worked extensively in bronze and with stainless steel and has a foundry background, which includes a 2 1/2-year apprenticeship under the auspices of well-known San Francisco Bay area sculptor Al Farrow.

Characteristic of his bronze works is a hands-on approach to every aspect through completion, from pouring of bronze to patination and basing of works.

Bracketti's current focus remains a gruelling 6-day-a-week schedule. He is as comfortable working from a foundry setting as from his working-warehouse painting studio/gallery showroom located in the Palm Springs area of California.

### **Artist's Statement**

Over the past 2 decades, the artist's painting has evolved beyond a world of muted, shadowy, transitory content work punctuated by brilliant colors that seem to percolate to their individual surfaces. The feeling of the earlier works has given way to a sense of pleasure in the sobriety of pure pigments and their ability to record and amplify emotion.

In the present work is reflected an array of luminaries, and an abrasive mix of sources which come cartooning forth from the annals of art history, with influences as varied and diverse as Warhol, Milton Avery, Pollock and the abstract expressionists.

Years of dedication to a latex-based medium have resulted in a straight-talking synthesis and a evolving style that seems chock-full of painting culture.

**ROBERT BRACKETTI**  
**Paintings and Sculpture**

**GALLERY SHOWS AND GRANTS**

**1981 Group Show, Gallery Sanchez, San Francisco, CA**  
**1982 Northern California Regional Juried Print Competition, Palo Alto, CA**  
**1983 One-Man Show, San Francisco Open Studio, San Francisco. CA**  
**1983 Three-Artist Show, Stinson Beach Art Center, Stinson Beach. CA**  
**1984 February through August, Private Study Grant, Kingston, NY**  
**1985 Three-Artist Show, Mondavi Gallery, Napa, CA**  
**1985 Group Show, Guallala Gallery, Guallala, CA**  
**1986 Shears and Window, The Galleria, San Francisco, CA**  
**1986 Walton Gilbert Gallery, San Francisco, CA**  
**1986 San Francisco Open Gallery, San Francisco, CA**  
**1987 Group Show, Anne Leonard Gallery, Woodstock. NY**  
**1988 One-Man Show, Uptown Gallery, Butte, MT**  
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**1992 One-Man Show, Dejavu, Missoula, MT**  
**1993 Private Study Grant, January through March, Portland, OR**  
**1994 One-Man Retrospective, Avanti Art Center, Butte, MT**  
**1994 Two-Artist Show, Lawrence Gallery, Sheridan, OR**  
**1995 New York International Art Exposition, New York, NY**  
**1995 One-Man Show, Lawrence Gallery, Sheridan, OR**  
**1996 Group Show, A Gallery Fine Arts, Palm Desert, CA**  
**1996 Two-Man Show, Gallery BAI, Baelona, Spain**  
**1997 Group Show, Gallery BAI, Manhattan, NY**  
**1995-98 Conceptualized and designed Avanti Art Center, including restoration of 2000, sq. ft. of gallery and teaching space, located in the Historic District, Butte, MT**  
**1998 Conceptualized and designed Affinity Fine Art, Palm Springs, CA**  
**1998 One-Man Show, Ails Chateau, Butte, MT**  
**1998 Group-Show, Behekazar, Whitefish, MT**  
**1999 Retrospective Show, Affinity Fine Art, Palm Springs, CA**  
**1999 Group Show, Randall Erikson Gallery, Palm Springs, CA**  
**2000 Gallery Bin, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2002 Group Show, Palm Springs International Airport, Palm Springs, CA**  
**2002-03 Desert Art Sourca, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2004 La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta. CA**  
**2005-06 Gabrael Bay Charles, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2005 Tre Contemporary, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2005-06 Danskin Gallery, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2006 Marnotts Desert Springs, Palm Desert, CA**  
**2004-06 L.J. Singer Design Showroom, Palm Springs, CA**  
**2005-06 Special FX, Irvine, CA**  
**2004-06 James Gray Gallery One Man show Bergamont Station Santa Monica, Ca**  
**2008-Coda Gallery, Palm Desert, CA**