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Bruce Cody

American, b.1941

Since the early 1980's Bruce Cody has been regarded as one of the premiere painters of large urban and small town architectural motifs. His contemporary images range from high-rise towers with busy urban activities to small, purpose built structures such as gas stations, motels, theatres.

In all of his paintings the rich light and shadows of the Western landscape are the primary motive for selecting his subjects. Light pouring on a sign covered façade reflects his interest and early years of being in his father's neon sign shop. Learning to create hand painted signs was the seminal experience that led him to the serious study and dedication to fine art studies of painting and printmaking. He graduated from the University of Wyoming and earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree at Washington State University

Developing his skills and aesthetic preferences during seventeen years as a university art teacher, he resigned his tenured professorship at Colorado State University to devote his life to painting in 1983. Since that time he and his wife Charlene lived in Denver, CO and Santa Fe, NM where he has earned much positive acclaim and numerous collectors of his oil paintings. In Santa Fe he and Charlene owned the highly regarded Charlene Cody Gallery from 1994 until 2005.

The heart of his work exists a positive observation of the American scene that records and mirrors our shared experiences of daily life and journeys across the United States.

He has presented twenty-five one man exhibits since 1984. His paintings are included in thirty public museum collections, over fifty corporate collections and in nearly 500 private collections in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Bruce's works have been extensively reviewed in newspapers, magazines and art books during the last three decades.

Resume

Public Collections

Beloit College, Beloit, WI

Blanton Museum of Fine Art, University of Texas, Austin, TX

City of Westminster, CO

Colorado State House of Representatives, State Capitol Building, Denver, CO

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Colorado Historical Society, Denver, CO

Historical Museum, Fort Morgan, CO

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL

Littleton Fine Arts Center, Littleton, CO

Mesa College, Grand Junction, CO

Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Olivet College, Holland, WI

Performing Arts Center, City of Garland, Garland, TX (Nine Paintings on Permanent Display)

Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Springfield College, Springfield, MA

Texas Technical University, Lubbock, TX

Tucson Museum of Fine Arts, Tucson, AZ

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

University of Dallas, Dallas, TX

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Western Colorado Art Center, Grand Junction, CO

Wooster College, Wooster, MA

Corporate Collections

AIRCOA, Denver, CO

American Television Corp, Denver, CO

Benson Minerals, Denver, CO

Burlington Northern RR. Denver. CO

Citicorps, New York, NY

Colorado Bankshares Inc, Denver, CO

First Colorado Bank & Trust, Denver, CO

Garland Bank, Garland, TX

Holland & Hart, Denver, CO

HitW Gang Foundation, Stamford, CT

United Bank, Denver, CO

Mobil Oil, Dallas, TX

National Demographics, Denver, CO

Samsonite Corp., Denver, CO

Sherman & Howard, Denver, CO

Tummar Construction, Denver, CO

American Express, Denver, CO

AP Keller, Houston, TX

Blue Cross of Colorado, Denver, CO

Central Bank, Denver, CO

Clarion Hotel, Boulder, CO

Exeter Drilling, Denver, CO

First Interstate Bank, Denver, CO

Great West Life Assurance, Denver, CO

Kaiser-Permanente, Denver, CO

Imagery Estate Winery, (Label Design) Healdsburg, CA

Meyer Properties, Los Angeles, CA

Mountain Bell, Denver, CO

Red Lion Inn, Salt Lake City, UT

Security Pacific, Los Angeles, CA

Simmons Oil Corp., Denver, CO

Selected Exhibition List

Two artist Exhibition, Lacuna Galleries, Santa Fe NM, November, 2015

Greenberg Fine Arts Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, October, 2013

Two Artist Exhibition, Manitou Galleries, Santa Fe, NM, October, 2012

Two Artist Exhibition, Manitou Galleries, Santa Fe, NM, June 2011

Duley -Jones Gallery, (two person), Scottsdale, AZ. January, 2011

Leslie Levi Fine Arts, (two person), Scottsdale, AZ. 2007, 2008, 2009

Shadid Fine Arts, Edmond OK, 2008

Peterson-Cody Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 2006

Charlene Cody Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004

William Havu 1/1 Gallery, Denver, CO, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999

Linda McAdoo Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 1993

Markus Gallery, Las Vegas, NV, 1991

Gallery at 1000 Virginia, Berkeley, CA, 1990

Carol Siple Gallery, Denver, CO, 1988, 1990

Art Students League of Denver, Annual Exhibit, Denver, CO, 1987-1992

Wilhelm Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ, 1987

Colorado National Bank, Denver, CO, 1987

Jewish Community Center, Denver, CO, 1987

Realist Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 1987

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Exhibition & Guest Artist, April 1986

Sangre de Cristo Art Center, Pueblo, CO, 1985

The Gallery at Hudson's Bay, Denver, CO, 1985

The Studio Gallery, Denver, CO, 1984

National and Regional Group Shows by Jury or Invitation, 1983-2015

Art Medical Fund Art Show, Santa Fe, NM, December, 2014, 2015

Canyon Road Paint Out and Auction, Ventana Gallery of Art, Santa Fe, NM, May 2013,2014

Collectors Reserve Invitational Show and Sale, Gilcrease Art Museum, Tulsa, OK, November, 2013

Twenty Fifth Anniversary Show and Sale, Art Students League of Denver, Denver, CO, January, 2013

Paint the Parks Juried Exhibition, Coutts Museum of Art, El Dorado, KS, and other venues, 2013

Collectors Reserve Invitational Show and Sale, Gilcrease Art Museum, Tulsa, OK, November, 2012

Group Shows, Joan Cawley Galleries, Scottsdale, AZ, 2012

Group Shows, Coda Galleries, Palm Desert, CA 2010-2013

Second Annual Drawing Exhibition, Duley- Jones Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ. October, 2010

First Annual Drawing Exhibition, Duley-Jones Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ. October, 2009

Thirtieth Anniversary Gallery Celebration Exhibit, Lesley Levy Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ. February, 2007

Art Students League of Denver 20th Anniversary Show of Founding Faculty, February 2006

Western Visions, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO, 2004

Documents of Colorado as Seen by Artists, Colorado History Museum, Denver, CO 2003

Views of the Western Terrain, William Havu Gallery, Denver, CO, 2002

Landscape-Cityscape, Republic Plaza Lobby Galleries, Denver, CO, 1997

The Real West, Colorado Historical Center, Denver, CO, 1996,

The West Now, Sangre de Cristo Art Center, Pueblo, CO, 1996

Artist's Images-Self Portrait, Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada, CO, 1990

Changing Landscape, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO, 1990

Anniversary Collection, Channel 6, KRMA, Denver, CO, 1990, 1992, 1994

Boulder County Images, Boulder Center for Visual Arts, Boulder, CO, 1989

Mid-Year Annual, Butler Institute of Art, Youngstown, OH, 1988

Art USA, Western Colorado Art Museum, Grand Junction, CO, 1988

Colorado Landscape Artists, Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities, Arvada, CO, 1988

Colorado Landscape Painters, Arvada Art Center, Arvada, CO, 1988

Colorado Visions Landscape Invitational, Boulder Art Center, Boulder, CO, 1987

Colorado Drawings '86, traveling exhibit, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, CO, 1986

Colorado 101, Swayder Art Museum, University of Denver, CO, 1985

American Artist National Competition, Grand Central Gallery, NY, NY, 1985

Wilhelm Gallery, Houston, TX, 1985

Alliance for Contemporary Art Auction, Denver, Art Museum, Denver, CO, 1984

Colorado '83, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs, CO, 1983

Benedictine Art Awards, New York, NY, 1980

Education

B.A. Fine Arts

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, 1960-1964

B.F.A. Painting and Printmaking

Washington State University, Pullman, WA, 1964-1966

Post-Graduate Studies, St. Martins School of Art, London, England, 1976-77

Professional Experience

Professional Artist, 1983-Present

Co-Owner of Charlene Cody Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, 1994–2005

Faculty Member, Art Students League of Denver, 1987-1992

Court Room Artist, NBC Evening News, Chicago, Los Angeles, KCNC-TV, Denver, CO, 1978-1992

University Art Faculty Member, 1966-1983

Associate Professor, Colorado State University, 1970-1983

Director, Vienna Summer Art History Program, Institute of European Studies, 1980-1981

American Art History Lecturer, US Embassy, London, Sabbatical Leave, London, England, 1976-1977

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI, 1967-1970

Instructor, Mesa State College, Grand Junction, CO, 1966-1967

Associate Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. 1970-1983

Publications

Southwest Art, "Exhibition Preview", Greenberg Fine Arts Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, October, 2013 Paint the Parks Exhibition Viewbook, Sponsored by the Coutts Museum of Art, El Dorado, KS, 2013 Southwest Art, "Urban Impressions" Eight Artists Inspired by Urban Life, September, 2012, Broomfield, CO Catalog, Second Annual Drawing Show, Scottsdale Gallery Assoc., October, 2010

Acrylic Innovation, Nancy Rener, Northlight Books, Cincinnati, OH. 2010

Catalog, First Annual Drawing Show, Scottsdale Art Gallery Assoc., October, 2009

Art Journey New Mexico, New Mexico Collectors Guide, Cincinnati, OH and Albuquerque, NM. October, 2009 American Art Collector, Phoenix, AZ. March, 2009, Oct. 2006

100 Santa Fe Etchers, Bell Tower Publishing, Santa Fe, NM. 2008

Southwest Art, Bruce Cody, On the Road, by Gussie Fontleroy, Phoenix, AZ, February, 2000 Santa Fe New Mexican, One artist show, Charlene Cody Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, October 6, 2003

Focus Santa Fe, Feature Articles, Oct 1993; Apr 1996; Apr 1998; Aug 2000; Apr 2003; Jan 2006; Oct 2013 Featured Artist for Poster, Art Feast Santa Fe, Sponsored by the Santa Fe Gallery Association, February, 2005 Santa Fe New Mexican, Pasa Tiempo Art Review and Cover Image, October 9, 1998

History Museum, Denver, CO, 1996

Santa Fe New Mexican, Pasa Tiempo Art Review, August 3, 1993

American Artist, Artists of the 50th Anniversary Exhibit, Billboard Publishing, New York, NY, October, 1986 American Artist, Urban Landscapes of Bruce Cody, Billboard Publishing, New York, NY, Nov 1984 The Artist and the Photograph, Van Deren Coke, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM. 1975

Private Collections

Bruce Cody Paintings are in over 400 private collections in the United States, Austria, England, Germany, Italy and Japan. His work is also in over 70 corporate collections in the US. Among the collectors are the late actor Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward, Burt Reynolds and Vice President and Mrs. Dick Cheney who have commissioned paintings by the artist.