

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

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JT Harding is an American-born representational oil painter. Born in a suburb of Philadelphia, he now resides in East Walpole, MA.

Like most important painters throughout history, Harding gains inspiration and influence through studying the styles and techniques used by the Old Masters including Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida, Anders Zorn, John Singer Sargent, and Henry Hensche. He believes in building solid fundamental skills that provide a strong foundation for developing art with depth, meaning, and intrinsic value. To that end, Harding has studied under living masters from Studio Incamminati, an Atelier founded by the Maestro Nelson Shanks. Notable artists, Cedric Egeli, Robert Douglas Hunter, Kerry Dunn, JaFang Lu, and Sam Vokey have also taught him. It is Mr. Harding's aspiration to teach and inspire future generations of artists to carry on this important tradition.

The thread that weaves through Harding's depictions of contemporary concepts and subject matter is a bravura painting process that emphasizes minimal fresh and loose brushstrokes that, when viewed from a distance, come sharply into focus. It is evident through his sensually painted surface, the pleasure the artist derives from a deftly handled brush.

Harding is a member of the Oil Painters of America, The Portrait Society of America, The North River Arts Society, and is an Associate member of The Guild of Boston Artists. The Cape Cod Art Association selected him for the Artist-in-Residence program and his work has been juried into several prestigious exhibits sponsored by The Copley Society and The Guild of Boston Artists. His original paintings and commissioned works hang in many private collections in the U.S. and England. Harding collectors can anticipate owning a valuable, well-constructed painting that captures the spirit of the subject while forming a strong emotional bond with the piece over time.

ARTIST STATEMENT

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Through a systematic cooperation of sentiment and skill, I strive to produce art infused with thoroughness and sincerity. By combining the seen with the felt, I hope to elevate the everyday to the poetic.

Sensual in subject matter, composition, and technique, my paintings transform the inherent beauty of subjects into imagery that stirs the hearts and minds of viewers.

I want a new kind of realism...a more sensual realism.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Harding, J.T.**

**Born:**

1963 Bryn Mawr, PA

**Formal Education:**

2000 West Chester University, **B.S. Marketing**

1985 Art Institute of Philadelphia, **A.A. Visual Communications (Graduated with Honors)**

1983 East Stroudsburg University, **BFA Candidate (Fine Art Concentration)**

**Continuing Education:**

2013 (Winter) Portrait Study with Dianne Panarelli Miller, Abington, MA

2011 (Summer) Still Life Workshop with Sam Vokey, Westford, MA

2010 (Summer) Painting the Figure/Portrait on Beach, Cedric & Joannette Egeli, Provincetown, MA

2009 (Fall) Painting the Effect of Light/Color Study, JaFang Lu Studios, Philadelphia, PA

2009 (Summer) Painting the Effect of Light/Color Study, JaFang Lu Studios, Philadelphia, PA

2009 (Winter) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA

2008 (Fall) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA

2008 (Spring) Painting the Portrait, Studio Incamminati (Atelier), Kerry Dunn, Philadelphia, PA

2008 (Spring) Figure Painting II, III, Fleisher, Philadelphia, PA

2007 (Fall) Figure Painting II, III, Fleisher, Philadelphia, PA

2007 (Summer) Bartram's Gardens en Plein Air, Fleisher, Philadelphia, PA

2006 (Fall) Figure Drawing III, Fleisher, Philadelphia, PA

2006 (Summer) Composition with Landscape as Reference, Aimone Art Services, Monhegan Island, ME

**Awards and Scholarships:**

2010 Artist-in-Residence, Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA

**Solo Exhibitions:**

2013 Living Coastal – Ventress Gallery, Sponsored by the North River Arts Society, Marshfield, MA

2010 Capescapes & More – Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA

**Group Exhibitions:**

- 2013 Small Square Holiday Still Life Show – South Street Gallery, Hingham, MA
- 2013 Historic Hingham Plein Air Invitational / Silent Auction – South Street Gallery, Hingham, MA
- 2013 25th Annual Members Show - North River Arts Society, Marshfield Hills, MA
- 2013 Art in the Park Annual Members Show – Norwood Art Association, Norwood, MA
- 2013 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sea & Sky Exhibit (Juried Show) – Hull Lifesaving Museum, Hull, MA
- 2012 One Size Fits Annual Holiday Show – South Street Gallery, Hingham, MA
- 2012 Annual Regional Painting Competition (Juried Show) – Guild of Boston Artists, Boston, MA
- 2012 Paint the Square Plein Air Invitational – South Street Gallery, Hingham, MA
- 2012 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Show - North River Arts Society, Marshfield Hills, MA
- 2011 Matter, Medium, & Meaning: A Contemporary Still Life (Juried) Show – The Copley Society of Art, Boston, MA
- 2011 Gallery Artist First Friday – Gallery 9, Norwood, MA
- 2011 Breath of Spring (Juried Show) - Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, MA
- 2011 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Members Show - North River Arts Society, Marshfield Hills, MA
- 2009 Haddonfield Arts Festival, Haddonfield, NJ
- 2007 Fall Arts Show, Chestnut Hill, PA

**Selected Portrait Commissions:**

- 2013 Portrait of Sam (Cocker Spaniel), Westwood, MA
- 2012 Portrait of Mystic (Thoroughbred), Walpole, MA
- 2012 Portrait of Brooksie (Golden Retriever), Walpole, MA
- 2011 Portrait of Vern (Great Pyrenees), Apex, NC
- 2010 Portrait of Deborah Howard and her four dogs, Cohasset, MA
- 2010 Portrait of Tyler Wellington and her four dogs, Chestnut Hill, PA
- 2009 Portrait of Ecaterina Sanalatii, London, UK
- 2008 Portrait of Mr. Donald Irving, Chatham, MA

**Selected Private Collections:**

- Howard and Lisa Lewis, Walpole, MA
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meyer, Hilton Head, SC
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson, Chestnut Hill, PA
- Ms. Wendy Baloga, Danville, PA
- Ms. Kathy Patterson, Westwood, MA
- Mrs. Carin Baniewicz Davis, Collegeville, PA
- Mrs. Peg Wellington, Chestnut Hill, PA
- Dave & Roberta Rotelle, Honeybrook, PA
- Mrs. Heidi Scharf, Merion, PA
- Ms. Pamela Irving, Cape Cod, MA
- Ms. Amy Goldberg Quigley, Gloucester, NJ
- Mr. & Mrs. John DiDomenico, Henderson, NV
- Don & Julia Miner, Cape May Court House, NJ
- Mr. Eric Wyatt, Mercer Island, WA
- Mr. Scott Chapman, Columbia, MD
- Mr. Joseph Luther, Seattle, WA

**Selected Corporate Collections:**

Cape Cod Art Association - Barnstable, MA  
Gardens with Spirit - Walpole, MA  
Companion Animal Protection Society (CAPS) - Cohasset, MA

**Teaching**

2013 Demonstrator – Dedham Art Association, Dedham, MA  
2012 Color Study Group Workshop – JT Harding Studios, East Walpole, MA  
2012 Demonstrator – Framingham Artists’ Guild, Framingham, MA  
2009-2013 Private teaching and workshop instructor – JT Harding Studios, East Walpole, MA

**Professional Affiliations:**

Guild of Boston Artists (Associate Member - Since 2010)  
Portrait Society of America (Artist Member - Since 2009)  
Oil Painter’s of America (Associate Member - Since 2009)  
Foxboro Art Association (Individual Member - Since 2013)  
Norwood Art Association (Individual Member - Since 2013)  
North River Arts Society (Individual Member - Since 2011)

**Books:**

2010-12, JT Harding – *Sensual Realism*, Self-published, By J. Harding

**Publications/Articles:**

2012, *ONE New England* – An Artist With A Vision  
2008, *Chestnut Hill Local*, Local Life Section

**Gallery Representation:**

South Street Gallery, Hingham, MA  
Kate Sotolova, Gallery Director

Xanadu Gallery (Studio Artist), Scottsdale, AZ  
J. Jason Horejs, Owner