# **Bruce Brainard**

Raised in a small farming community nestled under the Tetons in the upper Snake Valley of Southeastern Idaho, Bruce Brainard draws inspiration from the early American Landscape artist George Inness and artists associated with the Luminist movement, and the spiritual Romanticist Caspar David Friedrich. Adding his own distinctive contemporary perspective, he creates landscapes and seascapes metaphorically, using symbols and archetypes.

Bruce loves to paint and feels that art can have great power. He believes as George Innis said that art is "a language to express thought " and as Picasso said, "The purpose of art is to express the great emotions." He has found the most profound emotions aren't necessarily the loud, the sentimental, or even the profane, but rather the quiet, the authentic, and the sacred. He uses the landscape and seascape to try and express these emotions.

Bruce has worked professionally as an artist for over 25 years and his work is included in many collections throughout the United States.

### EDUCATION

1987 Bachelor of Fine Arts

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

1992 Master of Fine Arts

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

#### AWARDS

2008 Dixie Invitational, St. George, Utah First Place Landscape Division Juror: Michael Malm, Artist

2003 79th Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

Award of Merit

Juror: Alexey Leonivodich Steele, Artist, Los Angeles, California

Juror: Ellie Sonntag Stephens, Art Historian and Consultant, Salt Lake City, Utah

1988 Art Reach '88, Salt Lake City, Utah

Purchase Award

Juror: Henry T. Hopkins, curator Frederick Wiesman Collection, Los Angeles, California

1988 Harris Fine Arts Center Annual Show, Provo, Utah

Juror's Choice Award

1987 B.F.A. Show, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

**First Place** 

Juror: Wayne Kimball, Artist

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016 A Brightness of Hope, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

2014 Pilgrimage, David Lusk Gallery , Memphis, Tennessee

2012 Texas Landscapes, Gremillion and Company Fine Art, Dallas, Texas Mason Murer Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

2010 Resonance, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Houston, Texas

Recent paintings, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

2008 Coastal Odysseys, Marion Meyer Contemporary Art, Laguna Beach, California

Tranquility, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Houston, Texas 2007 Solum, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

2006 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas 2005 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas 2005 Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah 2002 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas

2002 David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee 2002 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Austin, Texas

2001 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas 1998 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas 1997 Lisa Kurts Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

1996 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas Wyndy Morehead Fine Arts, New Orleans, Louisiana

1995 Macon & Co. Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

1994 Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas Macon & Co. Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia

1992 Macon & Co. Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia 1987 Harris Fine Arts Center, Provo, Utah

# **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2016 The Price is Right, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

Dixie Invitational, Eccles Fine Art Center, Dixie State College, St.George, Utah

2015 The Price is Right, David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

30th Annual Spiritual and Religious Art of Utah (juried exhibition), Springville Museum of Art, Springville Utah

2008 Dixie Invitational, Eccles Fine Art Center, Dixie State College, St. George, Utah

2006 Sweetwater Rescue, The Willie and Martin Handcart story (invitational), Museum of Church History and Art, Salt Lake City, Utah

2003 79th National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

2002 Utah Art 2002, Michael Quick, Director, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Juror, Salt Lake City, Utah

2001 77th National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

2000 The Landscape: Bruce Brainard & Phillip Tarlow, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Austin, Texas

1999 75th National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

1998 Seven Artists in Seven Countries: Brad Aldridge, Bruce Brainard, Ron Richmond, Todd Stilson, Chris Thornock, Michael Workman & Chris Young (an exhibition of paintings inspired by their European tour), Springville Museum of Art, Springville,Utah

1998 74th National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

1998 Wulf Barsh & Bruce Brainard, Macon & Co. Fine Art, Atlanta, Georgia

1997 Three Visions: Michael Workman, Bruce Brainard & DavidLynn, Meyer Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona

1995 71st National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

1992 The Landscape: Insight and Encounter, Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, Inc., Houston, Texas

1992 Introductions, Kurts Bingham Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee

1992 Introduction Paintings, Grover Thurston Gallery, Seattle, Washington

1988 Mountain West Biennial Paper Works, Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, Utah 1988 64th National Spring Salon, Springville Museum of Art, Springville, Utah

1987 Harris Fine Arts Center Annual Show, Provo, Utah. Juror's Choice Award

#### SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Time Warner Communications, Houston, Texas Memorial Hermann Hospital System, Houston, Texas Kemmons-Wilson Companies, Memphis, Tennessee Ritz Carlton, Naples, Florida Hermann Hospital, Houston, Texas The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah Mitt and Ann Romney, Park City, Utah TRT Holdings, Dallas, Texas Horizon Resources, Inc. Houston, Texas Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah Cokinos, Bosien & Young, Houston, Texas Credit Suisse, Chicago, Illinois Credit Suisse, New York, New York The Landmarks Group, Atlanta, Georgia Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

The Robinson-Humphrey Company, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia Rock & Lietz, P.C., Atlanta, Georgia Don & Pam Smith, Atlanta, Georgia Karen Thomas, Vinson & Elkins, Houston, Texas United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia William's Dye & Mold, Atlanta, Georgia Clyde & Carol Williams, Atlanta, Georgia Boothbay Harbor Country Club, Boothbay, Maine Daniels Residence, Milton, Georgia Cohen Residence, Atlanta, Georgia