



HOWELL GALLERY

## DAVID HOLLAND

David Holland is a fine art oil painter living and working in Oklahoma City.

“I’m an avid sky watcher. The skies and cloudscapes I study here, are among the most varied and entertaining to be found anywhere in the world I relish every moment of time I spend observing and photographing storms, and then I use my photographs to capture in oil paintings their timeless beauty and undeniable power. I consider each painting to be a portrait of an individual storm frozen in motion with accurate colorful details that work to represent its unique personality. I think of the storms I witness as a blessing that distribute the essential building block of all life on Earth -- WATER.”

David was born in Lawton Oklahoma in 1959 into an Army family; so, he traveled extensively as a child, living on bases in Oklahoma, Kansas, Japan, Idaho, Maryland, and Arkansas before his family permanently settled in Oklahoma City in 1977. His lifelong interest in creating art began at an early age and during his career he has created multiple series of artworks. He is now best known for using lush color and heightened contrast to paint dramatic cloudscapes in his own realistic style.

The Oklahoma Museum of Art has played a significant role twice in his development as an artist. In 1983, while a junior at Oklahoma City University, two of his works, a black and white pencil drawing of the interior of a pioneer cabin and a watercolor of an ancient bristlecone pine juried into the member’s annual exhibition. And in 1995 when his large format pencil drawing of the reflection of downtown OKC in the mirrored columns in front of the newly built Leadership Square won Best of Show at an exhibition hosted by the downtown OMA.

Due to an industrial accident in 1983, David lost sight in his left eye and had to learn to “re-see” things in a new 2-dimensional world. He graduated in 1984 from OCU with a BA degree in art and worked in several jobs.

From 1989 until 2012 he and his partner ran a very successful copper birdfeeder business; then in 2006, an OVAC Creative Capitol seminar gave him the tools and confidence he needed to take the leap of faith to pursue his long-time goal of becoming a full-time artist and finally in 2012 when they sold their business, he began devoting himself full time to creating his artwork.



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Recent exhibitions of his work have included the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the Governor's Gallery, Mainsite Contemporary, Science Museum Oklahoma, the National Weather Center, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Myriad Botanical Gardens.

1959 born: Lawton, Oklahoma

1984 BA: Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### **GALLERY REPRESENTATION**

Howell Gallery – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Acosta Strong Fine Art – Santa Fe, New Mexico

### **ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

2020 Gaylord Pickens Museum, Barbara Scott & David Holland, "Of Earth and Sky" OKC, OK

2019 Blue Room, Oklahoma State Capitol, "The Skies the Limit" OKC OK

2019 Myriad Gardens Gallery, "Capturing Clouds" OKC, OK

2019 MAINSITE Contemporary, Art Exhibition/Residency, "The Skies Have It" Norman, OK

2018 Ponca City Art Center, "Oklahoma Sky" Ponca City, OK

2017 Stark Art Gallery, "David Holland Cloudscapes" Pauls Valley, OK

2017 Mainline Gallery, "Cloudology" Tulsa, OK

2016 Omniplex Science Museum Oklahoma, "Scattering Light" OKC, OK

2015 Myriad Gardens, "Interpreting Clouds" OKC, OK

2015 Oklahoma State Capitol, Governor's Gallery, "Thunderheads" OKC, OK

2015 Southwestern Medical Center, "Cloudscapes and Modern Life" Lawton, OK

2014 Univ. of Science and Arts of Okla. Nesbitt Gallery, "Thunderheads" Chickasha, OK

2014 Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery, "Portrait of a Thunderhead" Lawton, OK

2010 Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery, "Juggling Time" Lawton, OK

2000 Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery, "David Holland Current Work" OKC, OK

1995 Kirkpatrick Center, Gallery for Oklahoma Artists, "Of Mind and Matter" OKC, OK

1989 Norick Art Center, Hulsey Gallery, Oklahoma City University OKC, OK

1985 Glasshaus Studio OKC, OK

1983 John Porter Gallery Ponca City, OK

1983 Green Gallery OKC, OK



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## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, "Small Works Great Wonders," OKC, OK  
2021 Artist Exhibitor, Festival of the Arts 2021, OKC, OK  
2021 Vault Gallery "From the Ground Up," Paul's Valley, OK  
2020 Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, "Small Works Great Wonders," OKC, OK  
2020 Vault Gallery "From the Ground Up," Pauls Valley, OK  
2019 i.d.e.a. Museum, "Art with Atmosphere" by invitation, Mesa, AZ  
2019 Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, "Small Works Great Wonders," OKC, OK  
2018 Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, "Small Works Great Wonders, OKC, OK  
2017 "National Weather Center Biennale," Norman, OK  
2016 Exhibitor & Festival Poster Artist, Festival of the Arts, OKC, OK  
"Small Works, Great Wonders," National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, OKC, OK  
"OVAC 12x12 Exhibition," OKC, OK  
2015 "National Weather Center Biennale," International Juried Exhibition, Norman, OK  
Exhibitor, Festival of the Arts, OKC, OK  
Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery, "Elaborate Collaborate," OKC, OK  
"OVAC 12x12 Exhibition," OKC, OK  
Oklahoma City University, "Landscape Painting," Invitational, OKC, OK  
Rusty Gables Gallery "Spring Stampede," OKC, OK  
2014 "New West" Featured Artist, Acosta Strong Fine Art OKC, OK  
"OVAC 12x12 Exhibition" invitational, VIP Gallery OKC, OK  
"The Manly Show" invitational, Istvan Gallery OKC, OK  
"Shine" ART NOW Exhibition, juried, Oklahoma Contemporary OKC, OK  
Festival of the Arts exhibitor, juried, Oklahoma City Arts Council OKC, OK  
"Artini Deco" Allied Arts auction invitational OKC, OK  
2013 "Small Works" Acosta Strong Fine Art OKC, OK  
"7 State Biennial" USAO regional juried, Nesbitt Gallery and Goddard Center OK  
National Weather Festival, Univ. of Okla., National Weather Center Norman, OK  
"OVAC 12x12 Exhibition" invitational OKC, OK  
"First Friday" September Gallery Walk, JRB Art at the Elms OKC, OK  
Beaver Creek Arts Festival exhibitor, juried Vail, CO



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- 2012 “Oklahoma Centerfold” national juried exhibition, Leslie Powell Gallery, Lawton, OK  
“OVAC 12×12 Exhibition” invitational OKC, OK  
Oklahoma Art Guild Members Annual juried exhibition OKC, OK  
National Weather Festival, University of Oklahoma, National Weather Center, Norman OK
- 2011 “7 State Biennial” regional juried show, USAO Gallery and Goddard Center OK  
“Evolve” juried show, Individual Artists of Oklahoma Gallery, OKC, OK  
“National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather Center, Norman OK
- 2010 “Heart and Soul of the Great Plains,” Great Plains Museum Lawton, OK  
“National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather Center Norman OK  
“The Mission” invitational, Oklahoma City University Norick Art Center, OKC, OK
- 2009 “National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather, Center Norman OK  
“The Mission” invitational, OKC, Univ. Norick Art Center, OKC, OK
- 2008 “Our Town” City Arts Center invitational. City Arts Center, OKC, OK  
“National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather Center Norman OK  
“Town and Country” , Invited Artists Gallery curator Clint Stone OKC, OK
- 2007 “Heart and Soul of the Great Plains” invitational, Great Plains Museum, Lawton, OK  
“The Mission” invitational, Oklahoma City University Norick Art Center, OKC, OK  
“National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather Center, Norman OK
- 2006 “Small Works” invitational, JRB Art at the Elms, OKC, OK  
“National Weather Festival” exposition, National Weather Center, Norman OK
- 2005 Painting and Drawing Biennial Okla. Visual Arts Coalition juried show, OKC, OK  
JRB Art at the Elms Gallery OKC, OK  
Festival of the Arts artist exhibitor, juried OKC, OK
- 2004 “OVAC’s 12×12 Exhibition” invitational OKC, OK
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- 2002 “OVAC’s 12×12 Exhibition” invitational OKC, OK  
“Biting the Apple” juried, Individual Artists of Okla. Gallery OKC, OK



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- 2001 "OVAC's 12×12 Exhibition" invitational OKC, OK  
Painting and Drawing Biennial Okla. Visual Arts Coalition juried show, OKC, OK
- 2000 Festival of the Arts artist exhibitor, juried OKC, OK
- 1999 Painting and Drawing Biennial, Okla. Visual Arts Coalition juried show, OKC, OK  
"24 Works on Paper" juried traveling exhibition, Individual Artists of Okla.  
"Oklahoma Centerfold" national juried, Leslie Powell Gallery Lawton, OK
- 1995 "Downtown OKC-Depictions and Dreams" Oklahoma City Museum of Art, OKC,  
OK
- 1994 "U.S. Landscapes" Muse Gallery Kansas City, MO
- 1984 Oklahoma Art Guild Annual juried exhibition OKC, OK
- 1981 Oklahoma Museum of Art Annual Juried Exhibition OKC, OK

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- The Oklahoman, "Cloudy with A Chance Of Paint" Sunday Life cover story,  
August, 4, 2019
- Oklahoma Humanities Magazine, Cover Image "Time Juggler" 2019 Fall Issue
- Oklahoma Gazette, "Threatening Beauty" article with image, May 8, 2019
- The Oklahoman, "Storm Clouds Inspire Oklahoma City Artist" Front page April 27, 2017
- The Oklahoman, "Capitol Shows Offer Mix of Works" article with image January 7, 2015
- Oklahoma Gazette, "Shining Through" feature article with image January 22, 2014
- Art FOCUS Oklahoma, magazine "Between Nature and Chaos" Okla. Visual Arts  
Coalition, 2014
- The Sunday Constitution, "Gallery Exhibit" article and images, daily newspaper March 9,  
2014
- Oklahoma Gazette, "Men at Work" June 11, 2014
- Oklahoma Humanities Magazine, 2 images, quarterly magazine 2013
- Oklahoma Humanities Magazine, 5 images, quarterly magazine 2012
- SLICE Magazine "An Unrestricted Palette" article with images, monthly magazine, Nov.  
2010



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**SELECTED ARTS RELATED EMPLOYMENT**

- 2019 Artist Residency “The Skies Have It” Norman Arts Council MAINSITE,  
Norman, OK
- 2017-2014 Artist in Residence/ Art Curator, Acosta Strong Fine Art, OKC, OK
- 2016 Art Preparation and Installation, OVAC: Momentum, OKC, OK
- 2016 Curator, Installation, OVAC:12x12 Fundraiser Science Museum  
Oklahoma, OKC, OK
- 2017-2016 Art Preparation and Installation, 21C Museum Hotel, OKC, OK
- 2017-2014 Oil Painting Demonstrations, Arts Council of Oklahoma City, OKC, OK
- 2012 Art Demonstration Myriad Gardens, OKC, OK  
Art Demonstration, Taos Inn, Taos, NM
- 2012-1989 Graphic Design, Art Director; Holland Hill Design Inc., OKC, OK
- 2010 Speaker on Portfolio Development, Cameron University, Lawton, OK  
Art Workshop Instructor, Mustang Public Library, Mustang, OK
- 2009 Art Workshop Instructor, City Arts Center, OKC, OK
- 2006 Artist Strategies Symposium Speaker, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition,  
OKC, OK