

P R I N C I P L E G A L L E R Y

About the Artist: Jeff Erickson

"The experience of painting is a great escape from the complexities of life, and I always find myself creating an abstract scene of peacefulness, relaxation, and calmness. . I'm drawn to water, the sea, the ocean, and these feelings show up in my abstract landscapes."

- Jeff Erickson

Jeff Erickson is a contemporary abstract painter living in Alexandria, Virginia. At a young age, Jeff knew he wanted art to play a major role in his life. His grandmother who was an American Impressionist painter inspired him. Erickson would watch her create colorful brush strokes across the canvas. Jeff grew up traveling the world and living in faraway lands with his family. He was fortunate enough to visit museums across the world and absorb images of the landscapes he traveled. Jeff values each adventure because it inspired the art he creates to this day; "My art developed out of these experiences with an eye towards texture and abstraction."

His paintings have a minimal and literal landscape element, while he tries to capture and convey the textures of life. He captures them in such a reduced and abstracted way that allows his pieces to radiate senses of relaxation and tranquility.

Jeff Erickson paints with oils and wax medium on canvas, gessoed hardboard and paper. He's able to create multiple layers of translucent colors, and through the process of scratching, distressing, and dissolving, he's able to express depth and feeling within the painting. Jeff doesn't start a painting with an end game in mind, he allows the piece to develop and see where it leads him. In addition to his career as a painter, he is also the co-owner of Erickson & Ripper, a specialty framing and art restoration shop located here in Alexandria, which also houses Jeff's personal studio.

Select Exhibitions:

2014-2017

Solo Exhibition, Principle Gallery Charleston, South Carolina, October 2017

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Anne Nielson Fine Art Gallery, Charlotte, North Carolina May 2016 - present
Principle Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia May 2015 - present
Principle Gallery Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina May 2015 - present
Solo Exhibition, Alizarin Gallery Durham, North Carolina, November 2014.
Merritt Gallery/ Renaissance Fine Arts, Baltimore, Maryland June 2014 - present
Bluestone Fine Art Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 2014 - present
Alizarin Gallery, Durham, North Carolina January 2014 - March 2016
2013
WOAS - World of Art Showcase, Raleigh, North Carolina November 1-3, 2013
Erickson & Ripper Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia 1994 – present
Del Ray Fine Art Studio, Del Ray, Virginia 2004 – present
2012
“An Evening of Art by Jeff Erickson & Don Ripper”, group exhibit, Erickson & Ripper Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia, December 2012
L2 Lounge Show, group exhibit, Georgetown, Washington, DC April 2012

Collections:

My work is featured in numerous private collections across the US and abroad.

Art Experience:

Artist and Gallery Owner of Erickson & Ripper Gallery for over 20 years.