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About the Artist: Nobuhito Tanaka

“I may have been too young to exactly know what each painting, or work of art, was truly about, but I knew I was experiencing something that was important. This experience still resonates in the back of my mind.”

- Nobuhito Tanaka

Tanaka was born in 1978, and as a child he lived in Chicago, Illinois where he found himself constantly drawing. His mother observed his fascination with art, and when Tanaka was six years old, she took him to the Art Institute of Chicago. He then discovered the powerful impact that can be found within the world of art.

In 2002, he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art from the University of Minnesota and he went on to earn his Master of Fine Arts in painting at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California. A year after graduating Tanaka transitioned from student to instructor for the same University. His particular style of painting has earned him a number of accolades and awards including First Place in Southwest Magazine’s 2009 “21 Under 31,” First Place and Chairman’s Choice at Art Renewal Center’s 2008-2009 ARC Salon Competition, and First Place in Art Interview-Online Magazine’s 3rd Quarterly International Artist Competition.

Nobuhito Tanaka is currently teaching part-time at the Academy of Art University, and spending most of his time painting still life, cityscapes, and figures. In creating these works of representation, Tanaka unites traditional techniques in painting with a modern aesthetical approach in both subject matter and composition. His works take anywhere from two weeks to two months depending on the level of detail.

Education:

Master of Fine Art in Painting (figurative/traditional)

2004, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Art in Studio Art

2000, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Exhibitions:

2015

Group Show, Christopher Hill Gallery, Healdsburg, CA

2012

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Group Show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2011

Small Works group show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2010

Urban Landscape Show, Scottsdale Fine Art Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
2009

Artist's Choice Show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2008

Group Show, Christopher Hill Gallery, St. Helena, CA

Artist's Choice Show, Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA

Artist's Choice Show, Christopher Hill Gallery, St. Helena, CA
2007

Two person show, Christopher Hill Gallery, St. Helena, CA
2006

Salon International 2006, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX

Faculty and Alumni Fine Art Auction, Academy of Art University, San
Francisco, CA

2005

"City Streets," Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Annual Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

"Expressions West 2005," Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay, OR

"Delicious," Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Two person show, 625 Sutter Gallery, Academy of Art University, San
Francisco, CA

2004

Roseville Arts Center's 29th Annual Open Show, Roseville, CA

Annual Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

2003

Annual Spring Show, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA

Awards and Publications:

2009

First Place and Interview, 21 under 31, Southwest Art Magazine, September,
Vol. 39, No. 4, page 83

First Place in Landscape and Chairman's Choice Award, The 2008/2009 ARC
Salon Competition, Art Renewal Center

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2006

ARC Staff Award and Finalist, Landscape, Third International ARC Salon, Art Renewal Center

Interview, *Art Interview-Online Magazine*, Issue #005

Jury's Top Fifty, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX

First Place Winner, 3rd Quarterly International Artist Competition, *Art Interview-Online Magazine*

Finalist, Landscapes Challenge No.31 *International Artist Magazine*, issue 47, page 12

2005

Finalist, Landscape, *The Artist's Magazine* 22nd Annual Art Competition

MFA Second Place Winner, AAU Annual Spring Show

MFA Faculty and Student Choice Winner, AAU Annual Spring Show

How Did You Paint That? 100 Ways to Paint People & Figures, volume II, page 11

Finalist, Still Life, Second International ARC Salon, Art Renewal Center

2004

Finalist, Figure, *International Artist Magazine*, issue 40, page 8

Finalist, Still Life, *The Artist's Magazine* 21st Annual Art Competition

Society of Western Artists Award, AAU Annual Spring Show

MFA Third Place Winner, AAU Annual Spring Show

MFA Student Choice Winner, AAU Annual Spring Show

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