



2019 Western Regional Exhibition • November 1 - 30, 2019

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Opening Weekend Program (Please Note: This schedule is subject to change)

Friday, November 1

9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Painting Demonstration by John Michael Carter OPAM

Location: Sorrel Sky Gallery

John Michael Carter OPAM first began his studies in drawing at the age of 15 with his father E.L. Carter, a commercial artist. He attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago and then moved to Los Angeles where he attended the prestigious Art Center College of Design. There he received a background in the major classical schools of painting and graduated with a B.F.A. Degree. In addition to Carter's love of figurative painting, he enjoys the street scenes and landscapes he discovers in his travels here and abroad.

He has been a frequent guest instructor at art workshops across the country, including the Scottsdale Artist School, the Dallas Arts League and the Cincinnati Art Club. His thorough classical training and experience in drawing and painting gives him the technical expertise to provide artists with superb instruction. He is a Master Signature member of the Oil Painters of America and was OPA's National Exhibition Gold Medal recipient in 2004. He is the Immediate Past President of OPA.



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Artists' Lunch at La Plazuela at La Fonda

Location: 100 E San Francisco St, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Cost: Separate checks will be issued and will include an automatic 20% gratuity

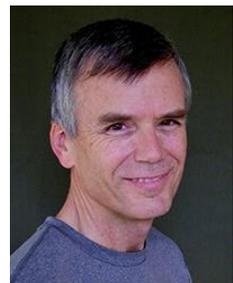
The La Plazuela Restaurant located in the historic La Fonda Hotel is a favorite for locals and visitors alike. Known for its iconic dining room featuring 460 hand-painted windows, La Plazuela serves fresh, Southwestern contemporary dishes. Please note, space is limited so be sure to reserve your spot asap!

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Artists at the Cutting Edge: The OPA and the Rebirth of Representational Painting with OPA President Kurt Anderson OPA

Location: Sorrel Sky Gallery

OPA President Kurt Anderson will give an overview of the current scene in representational oil painting, and speak to its significance as the most vital and burgeoning movement in contemporary art. He will show how most of the leading painters today are part of a distinct lineage, master to pupil, intent on maintaining and expanding the great traditions in painting. And he will speak to the OPA's important role as the leading showcase and advocate for this art.

President of the Oil Painters of America Kurt Anderson OPA is a distinguished painter who has won top honors from many of the nation's leading art organizations and publications. He is the author or co-author of eight books on painting. In addition to having a BA in art, and a master's degree in accounting, Anderson spent four years as an apprentice in a traditional atelier, making him part of a master pupil lineage that can be traced back to the eighteenth-century master Jacques Louis David.



5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Western Regional Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony

Location: Sorrel Sky Gallery

Please join us in celebrating this year's Western Regional Exhibition which represents the highest level of excellence in oil painting by artists from across the Western half of the United States and Canada. Juror of Awards Kathryn Stats will announce this year's award winners at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 2

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Painting Demonstration by Kathryn Stats

Location: Sorrel Sky Gallery

Utah artist Kathryn Stats is best known for her striking landscapes. She has traveled extensively, painting the coastal areas of California and Oregon as well as locations in Alaska, Russia, Spain, Italy, France and Portugal. She states: *"I try not to get too comfortable working in a particular size or subject matter because I feel that comfort leads to stagnation. For this reason, I'm always looking for fresh territory."*

Some awards and honors include: **A Timeless Legacy**, an invitational show honoring past women painters of Glacier National Park and is one of the original Timeless Legacy purchase award winners of the Hockaday Museum in Kalispell Montana; **Plein Air Convention** as a Master Artist; **Maynard Dixon Country**, Mt. Carmel, Utah, 2 time "People's Choice" winner; **Cowgirl Up**, Artist's Choice Award.



11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Deli Lunch at the Gallery

Cost: \$10 per person – cash only!

A selection of fresh deli sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be served. A vegetarian option will be available. Please bring cash – we will not have credit card access.

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Painting Demonstration by Louis Escobedo OPA

Louis Escobedo OPA was born in Sweetwater, Texas, and received a BFA in Advertising Art from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. In 1974, after graduation from college he began his career as an artist honing his talents to become a freelance illustrator. During his time as an illustrator, he received a gold medal from the Society of Illustrators in New York City, as well as many other awards from organizations such as the Dallas Texas Visual Society.

In 1985 he shifted his focus from illustration to fine art. During his fine art career, Louis has exhibited in many galleries across the United States and has been featured in several magazines including having his work featured on the cover of the *Artist's Magazine*. His artwork has been in many exhibitions across the country. Some of the most notable include the Coors Western Art Exhibit, Hermitage Museum, Colorado History Museum, Denver Art Museum, Butler Institute of American Art, and the Phippen Museum. He has won numerous awards throughout his career including many with the Oil Painters of America. He is one of only two artists within the OPA to have been awarded the prestigious Gold Medal at OPA's National Exhibition twice.



Lodging and Travel Information

Travel: The closest international airport servicing Santa Fe is the Albuquerque International Airport which is approximately an hour and 15-minute drive. Santa Fe also has a regional airport that does have a limited number of flights served by American Eagle and United Express.

Transportation from Albuquerque: Prefer not to rent a car? Check out Rail Runner Express which goes from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, and back. The one-way ride takes approximately 1.5 hours. A one-way ticket costs \$10 if purchased on-line. www.riometro.com

Hotel: A small courtesy block has been made at the: Santa Fe Sage Inn (located in the Santa Fe Railyard area) – a mile from the Santa Fe Plaza
725 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: 505-982-5952 or 866-433-0335

King: \$78 + tax, and a \$15 fee per room, per night for amenities

Double: \$88 per night + tax, and a \$15 fee per room, per night for amenities

Amenities include:

- Hot Breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. daily
- Shuttle Service to the Santa Fe Plaza, from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily (Shuttle will begin on Friday, November 1 at 8:45 a.m. to accommodate our group)
- Wireless Internet is available in all rooms and public areas
- Use of Business Center
- Free parking
- Use of Fitness Center 24 hours
- Use of the outdoor swimming pool 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily (weather permitting!)
- Coffee and tea available throughout the day

Room availability is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call 866-433-0335 and be sure to let them know you are with the Oil Painters of America. **This rate is only available until September 30, 2019, or until the block is full.**

Registration Information

All events are free and open to the public, except for the Artists' lunch at La Plazuela at La Fonda on Friday afternoon. Please email Rosemary Murray at mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com to let her know you are coming and what events you plan on attending. If bringing a guest, please be sure to provide us with their first and last name.