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b. 1968

education:

1997 Masters of Fine Arts, Painting • Savannah College of Art & Design
1995 University of Georgia Studies Abroad Program, Cortona, Italy
1991 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration • Rhode Island School of Design

public collections:

The Bronx Museum of the Arts, NY
The Mystic Museum of Art, Mystic, CT
The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
The Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC
Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield, OH
Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

solo museum exhibitions:

2014 Bristol Art Museum, Bristol, RI
2008 To the Sea • Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI
2007 Nantucket Walkabouts • Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, AR

selected solo exhibitions:

2022 Wanderlust • Old Spouter Gallery, Nantucket, MA
2020-21 New Work • Hostetler Gallery, Nantucket, MA
2018 The Water We Seek • Old Spouter Gallery
2018 Blue • Providence Art Club, Providence, RI
2017 A Life in Color • Old Spouter Gallery
2017 A Painter Makes Prints • Mary Castelnovo Gallery, Providence Art Club
2016 All the Dawns of Summer • Old Spouter Gallery
2016 New and Large Paintings • Atrium Gallery, 1 Financial Plaza, Providence RI
2015 Large Scale • Candita Clayton Gallery, Pawtucket RI
2015 One not Like the Other, New Monoprints • Roger Williams University
2015 To Paint a Flower • Old Spouter Gallery
2014 A Season's Journey, Not Far From Home • Old Spouter Gallery
2013 The Garden • Old Spouter Gallery
2012 Traveler • Chace-Randall Gallery, Andes, NY
2012 Restoration • Old Spouter Gallery
2011 Before Summer Rain • Old Spouter Gallery
2010 The Sea and Tulips • Old Spouter Gallery
2010 Intimate Landscapes • Patricia Carega Gallery, Center Sandwich, NH
2010 Sea, Sky and Land: Abstractions of Nantucket • ARC Fine Art, Fairfield, CT
2009 Taking Refuge • Old Spouter Gallery
2008 Like Seeds Upon the Sea • Old Spouter Gallery
2008 New Paintings • George Billis Gallery, New York, NY
2007 New Paintings • Adler & Co. Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2007 New Paintings • George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2006 Works on Paper • Patricia Carega Gallery
2006 New Paintings • George Billis Gallery, NY
2005 Sea, Sky and Stone • Old Spouter Gallery
2004 Meditations • Old Spouter Gallery
2003 Works on Paper • Patricia Carega Gallery
2003 New Landscapes • 12 Orange Fine Art, Nantucket MA
1996-2002 New Paintings • South Wharf Gallery, Nantucket, MA
2001 Works on Paper • East East Gallery, Nantucket, MA
1998 New Jazz, Old Funk • Gallerie Lumière, Savannah, GA
1997 Elements of Place • Gallerie Lumière
1995 The X Gallery, Nantucket, MA
1991-92 Sun Gallery, Nantucket, MA

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art fairs:

- 2021 Art Market Hamptons with Steidel Contemporary
- 2017-19 The Other Art Fair, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 ArtNY with Steidel Contemporary
- 2019 Texas Contemporary with Steidel Contemporary
- 2019 Art Palm Beach with Steidel Contemporary
- 2016 Art Market San Francisco with Adler & Co.
- 2012 Art LA with Adler & Co.

teaching:

- 2000-2022 *Professor of Art* • Roger Williams University, Bristol RI
- 1997-2000 *Professor of Painting* • Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

selected group exhibitions:

- 2022 Venice Biennial • European Cultural Centre, Venice, Italy
- 2020 Praxis: Abstraction, 4 Strategies - Bristol Art Museum, Bristol, RI
- 2020 Art Capital, Salon des Independents, Trevisan Art International • Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 2017 Singular Repetitions • UMASS Dartmouth Gallery, New Bedford, MA
- 2017 Trevisan International Art • le Sm'Art Salon, Parc Jourdan, Aix en Provence
- 2016 Trevisan International Art • Salon Prado, Ateneo de Madrid, Madrid Spain
- 2015 Theresa Girard, Michael Rich and Roberta Segal • Providence Art Club
- 2013 Nantucket Moderns, 1945-2013 • Artist's Association of Nantucket
- 2013 Galeria de Marchi, Bologna, Italy curated by Paola Trevisan
- 2013 Three Views of Contemporary Art • Birnam Wood Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 Chace-Randall Gallery, Andes, NY
- 2011 Biennale • Chianciano Art Museum, Chianciano, Italy
- 2009 Imaginary Journeys • Trevisan Art International, Ferrara, Italy
- 2009 Adler & Co, San Francisco • Obsessions
- 2006-08 Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery, Center Sandwich, NH
- 2004-05 Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI
- 2003 Caelum Gallery, New York, NY
- 2002 Denise Bibro Fine Art, New York, NY • Summer Selections
- 2001 Virginia Lynch Gallery, Tiverton, RI • First of the Season
- 2000 Sotheby's, Chicago, Tel Aviv, Vienna • Artlink International Young Art 2000
- 1999 Gallerie Lumière, Savannah, GA • Michael Rich • Suzanne Jackson
- 1998 The Broome Street Gallery, New York, NY • Selections, from SCAD
- 1997 Sylvia Schmidt Gallery, New Orleans LA • The Abstract Show
- 1997 Main Street Gallery, Nantucket, MA • An Exhibition of Drawings
- 1997 Sarah Bain Gallery, Fullerton, CA • Jewels of the South
- 1996 Sylvia Schmidt Gallery • The Landscape Show
- 1996 Earth & Fire, New Orleans, LA
- 1994 The Artists Association of Nantucket, Nantucket, MA
- 1993 Julie Gifford Fine Arts; Perrysburg, OH • Nantucket Exports
- 1993 Edward Hopper House, Nyack, NY • Visiting Exhibition

awards and honors:

- 2015 Artist's Association of Nantucket, Award for Painting
- 2015 Edward Bannister Award, Providence Art Club
- 1996 The Basil H. Alkazzi Award (USA)

selected bibliography:

- Graham-Pye, Susanna, Artist Profile, Michael Rich, Cape Cod Life, Summer 2022
- Isenberg, Robert, The Long Conversation, East Side Monthly, February 2020
- Kuspit, Donald, Abstraction and Nature in the Paintings of Michael Rich, (Exhibition Catalog Essay), 2005, Basil Alkazzi Publications

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statement

My paintings, drawings and prints derive from the landscapes of my experience. I grew up and live near the ocean and find endless inspiration from the light and surrounding waters of New England. I'm most interested in finding some approximation of the natural forces of sky and sea in color and mark of paint.

I come to the canvas free of preconceptions and open to the possibilities of discovery. Pictures and images are not the aim so much as an orchestration of color and mark into an illuminated landscape with the resonance of memory. I look at my paintings as if I am looking across a landscape I could swear I once visited. I walk long distances without moving.

It is my aim to probe the depths of an inner space through meditations in light and color. My work is an intimate moment of reflection through image, a search for a deeper connection to place and a consciousness of the present moment.

Michael Rich
Providence, 2022

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biography

b.1968 Charlottesville, VA

“For Rich sensitivity to paint is inseparable from sensitivity to landscape, and the fluid density of landscape is best conveyed by the fluid density of paint”.

- Donald Kuspit

In paintings, drawings and prints, Michael Rich explores the beauty and irascibility of the New England landscape through an approach to painting that is visceral, physical and colorful. Often working in large scale, his painting is influenced by the American abstractionists of the 20th century. However, one can see overt references to the sea and sky, weather and light. An accomplished printmaker as well, Rich works with the graphic processes of intaglio and woodcut.

Recent featured museum exhibitions include The Bristol and Newport Art Museums, Rhode Island and the Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville Arkansas. Rich is the recipient of the Basil H. Alkazzi Award (USA) and was included in Sotheby's auction series, International Young Art. His work is featured in private and public collections nationally including, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, NY; Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA; The Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC and the Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield, OH.

Michael Rich lives and works in Rhode Island, USA and is a Professor of Visual Arts at Roger Williams University.

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Patricia Carega Gallery
Center Sandwich, NH

R. Alexander Fine Art
Atlanta, GA

Steidel Contemporary
Palm Beach, FL

Thornwood Gallery
Houston, TX

Trevisan International Art
Bologna, Italy

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