

CHARLES GILBERT KAPSNER
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Achievements

Superior Volunteer Service Medal, Minnesota National Guard
Art Renewal Center, ARC Associate Living Master™
Florence Biennale, Career Achievement Award
Five Wings Arts Council, Master Artist
United States Coast Guard, Public Service Commendation

Professional Organizations

Oil Painters of America (OPA)
Portrait Society of America
Salmagundi Art Club

Education

1973 – 1974 Internazionale dell'Arte, Florence, Italy
1974 – 1979 Studio Signorina Nerina Simi, Florence, Italy
1975 – 1980 Fresco Apprentice, Benjamin Long IV, Italy and United States
Fluent in Italian

Awards

2019 ARC 14th Annual International Salon, Finalist
2019 Oil Painters of America 28th Annual National Exhibition, Finalist
2019 Studio Pintura, Second Annual Floral Show, Honorable Mention
2018 Studio Pintura, First Annual Floral Show, 1st Place and People's Choice Award
2018 Hudson Valley Art Association, Inc., Al Camurati Memorial Award
2018 National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society (NOAPS) Online international, Best Still Life
2017 ARC 13th Annual International Competition, Finalist Still Life
2017 OPA Eastern Regional, Finalist
2017 U. S. Coast Guard, Public Service Commendation
2017 Salmagundi Club New Member Show, 1st Place
2016 Oil Painters of America Salon, Silver Medal
2016 Portrait Society of America Members Only, Finalist Still Life
2013 Five Wings Arts Council, Master Artist 2013-2015
2011 Susan K. Black Foundation: Art of the Flower, Finalist
2003 Florence Biennale, Career Achievement Award
2001 Hudson Valley Art Association, Inc. Thora M. Gensen Portrait Award
1992 Kenan Visiting Artist, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC
1975 The Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation: Montreal, Canada

Grants

- 2017 Minnesota Power Foundation, Veterans Historic Art Monument
- 2016 Five Wings Arts Council, Individual Artist
- 2014 Benton Telecommunications Foundation, Veterans Historic Art Monument
- 2000 Central Minnesota Community Foundation
- 2000 Minnesota Power Company for Little Falls Fresco Project
- 2000 Five Wings Arts Council, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1998 Initiative Foundation, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1998 Laura Jane Musser Fund, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1996 U.S. West Foundation, Little Falls Fresco Project
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- 1994 Laura Jane Musser Fund, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1993 Five Wings Arts Council, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1990 Central Minnesota Arts Council, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 1987 National Endowment for the Arts

Juried Exhibitions

- 2021 *OPA Juried Salon*, Eastern Regional, ArtCenter Manatee, Manatee, FL
- 2020 *OPA Juried Salon*, Eastern Regional, Reinert Fine Art, Charleston, SC
- 2019 *OPA 28th Annual Nat'l Exhibition*, Illume Gallery of Fine Art, St. George UT
- 2018 *NOAPS Best of America National Exhibition*, Eisele Gallery of Fine Art, Cincinnati, OH
 - OPA Juried Salon*, Crooked Tree Arts Center, Traverse City, MI
 - Spring Floral Art Exhibition*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Minnesota Portrait Showcase*, Zeller Studio Gallery, Hopkins, MN
 - OPA Juried Salon, Eastern Regional*, Anderson Fine Art, St. Simons Island, GA
 - Coast Guard Art Collection (COGAP), Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
 - New Members Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
 - Still Life Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
 - Floral Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
 - Mostra La Signorina*, la Maestra, Stazzema, Italy
- 2016 *OPA Salon*, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, IN
 - Spring Exhibition*, Emerald Art Center, Springfield, OR
- 2011 Susan K. Black Foundation *Art of the Flower*, Seven-gallery travelling exhibition:
 - AZ-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson AZ
 - ArtCenter Manatee, Bradenton FL
 - Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, IL
 - Greenacres Arts Center, Cincinnati OH
 - Naples Museum of Art, Naples FL
 - Museum of the Gulf Coast, Port Arthur TX
 - R.W. Norton Art Gallery, Shreveport, LA
- 2003 *Florence Biennale*, Florence, Italy
- 2001 *Annual Exhibition*, Hudson Valley Arts Association., NY

Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Art-a-Whirl*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Nerina Simi e i suoi allievi*, Stazzema, Italy
Charles Kapsner & Daniel Graves, McManus Gallery, Raleigh, NC
American Still Lifes, R.W. Norton Gallery, Shreveport, LA
- 2008 *Art Comes Alive*, Q Gallery, Brainerd, MN
- 2006 McColl Center, Charlotte, NC
- 2005 Michael Zschoche Gallery, Newport Beach, CA
- 2004 Group Show, Hickory Museum 60th Anniversary, Hickory, NC
- 2003 Tower Club, Charlotte, NC
- 2000 *Realism*, One-2-One Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
- 1998 Hamilton Gallery, Montreal, NC
Queens Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1994 McManus Gallery, Raleigh, NC
- 1990 Salon of Painters, LeBourget, France
- 1982 *Paintings and Drawings*: Wesley Sod and Charles Kapsner, St. Cloud, MN
- 1977 *2 Man Show*: Charles Kapsner & Daniel Graves, Mn Renaissance Festival, Shakopee, MN

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 *Collaborations V: Artist As Collector* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2019 *Collaborations IV* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2018 *Collaborations III* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2017 One Man Show, Gallery St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN
Collaborations Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2016 *Generations II* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2015 *Generations* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2014 *Ballet Russes Revisited* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2013 *Anni di Italia* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2012 *Down by the River* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2011 One Man Show, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, Marshall, MN
- 2010 Stearns County History Center, St. Cloud, MN
Remember and Honoring Through Art, Franklin Arts Center, Brainerd, MN
We All Start Somewhere Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
One Man Show, Haehn Museum, OSB Monastery, St. Joseph, MN
- 2009 *Italy: Paintings from the Last Year* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2008 *Localities* Annual Salon, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2005 *Paintings and Drawings from Life Experiences*, Alice R. Rogers Gallery, Colledgeville, MN
- 2004 *Flowers from the Year*, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2003 Fine Arts League, Asheville, NC

- Cultural Arts Center, Wilkesboro, NC
- 2002 McManus Gallery, Raleigh, NC
- 2001 Queens Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1993 Coffey and Thompson Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1991 Benedicta Arts Center, St. Joseph, MN
- La Marie, LeBourget, France
- City Art Works, New Bern, NC
- Wilson, Inc., Raleigh, NC
- Pinehurst Galleries, Pinehurst, NC
- McManus Gallery, Raleigh, NC
- 1990 Coffey and Thompson Gallery, Raleigh, NC
- 1989 Art and Science Center, Statesville, NC
- 1987 Heritage Center Retrospective Exhibition, St. Cloud, MN
- 1985 Valley City Community College, Valley City, NC
- 1983 Fifth Avenue Gallery, St. Cloud, MN
- 1980 Café Jasper, Chicago, IL
- 1980 Zapp National Bank, St. Cloud, MN
- 1979 Morning Star Gallery, Nisswa, MN
- Zapp National Bank, St. Cloud, MN

Public Collections: United States and Europe

- Abbey of Monte Cassino, Cassino, Italy
- American Ambassador's Residence, Paris, France
- Appeals Court of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC
- Charles A. Lindbergh Interpretive Center/House, Little Falls, MN
- Musée franco-américain du château de Blérancourt, Blérancourt, Paris, France
- Fremantle Foundation: Promoting Foreign Artists in Tuscany, Fiesole, Italy
- Hotel De Ville (Paris City Hall), Paris, France
- Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Committal Hall, Little Falls, MN
- Minnesota Historical Society; Minnesota State Capitol Building, St. Paul, MN
- Supreme Court Building, Raleigh, NC
- Trincherro Family Estates, St. Helena, CA
- United States Coast Guard Art Collection (COGAP)
- Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Museum, Little Falls, MN

Private Collections in United States and Europe

Public Commissions: Paintings and Frescoes

Paintings (Principal Artist)

2009 - 2019 *Veterans Educational Historic Art Monument*

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls, MN. Five 8 X10 ft. oil paintings depicting each branch of the U.S. military: Army (2011); Navy (2014); Coast Guard (2016); Marine Corps, (2018), Air Force (2019).

Fresco: Principal Artist: Public

1998 – 2001 Little Falls Fresco *Beginnings* (18 X 41 ft) Lindbergh Elem., Little Falls, MN

1993 – 1994 Little Falls Fresco *The Stewardship* (9 X 26 ft), Lindbergh Elem., Little Falls, MN

Fresco: Principal Artist: Private

1995 *Serenity* (4 X 6.5 ft), St. Cloud, MN

1994 *Christ the Almighty* (5 X 7 ft), St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Braham, MN

1981 *Four Evangelists Diptych* (5 X 7 ft) St. Pious X Catholic Ch., Zimmerman MN

1980 *Moses Descending Mt. Sinai* (4 X 5 ft) Glendale Springs, NC

1978 *Christ's First Falling from the Cross* (30 X 36 in.), St. Michael Archangel, Buriano, Italy

Collaborative Fresco Projects

1974 – 2004 Associate Artist on nine frescoes in North Carolina and Italy, painted by Benjamin Long, IV.

Teaching/Guest Lecturer:

1987 – Current Private Instructor/Artist Mentor: Minnesota and North Carolina

2006 Queen's College, Charlotte, NC

2006 Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC

2005 Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN

1997 Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC

1989 – 1992 Meredith College, Raleigh, NC

1990 Meredith College, Associate Professor, Paris Program

1989 Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC

Artist-in-Residence:

2007, '08, '09 Visiting Artist, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC

2006 McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC

1989 – 1992 Meredith College, Raleigh, NC

1987 – 1988 St. Francis Music Center, Little Falls, MN, NEA Grant

Board Member: Florence Academy of Art, 2001 - 2005

Gallery Representation:

Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Publications as Author

“Remembering Nerina Simi”, *Fine Art Connoisseur*”, Kapsner, C. (July/August 2015)

“Florentine Classic” *Classical Realism Journal*, Kapsner, C. (Fall 1994)

Press (last 20 years)

- “Classic Moment” *Fine Art Connoisseur*, (October, 2019)
- “10 years of toil: Kapsner completes final panel in military branch series,” *Brainerd Dispatch*, S. Kohls (27 August, 2019)
- “Calling it 'my Sistine Chapel,' painter puts final touches on a memorial to Minnesota veterans,” *Star Tribune*, A. Eler (25 May, 2019)
- “Military art project honors Marine Corps”, *Brainerd Dispatch*, G. Lagarde (25 May, 2018)
- “Painting on display at Duluth Depot pays homage to Marines”, *Duluth News Tribune*, L. Kaczke (17 May, 2018)
- “Marine Corps Painting on Display for Limited Time at Duluth Depot”, *WDIO-TV*, (16 May, 2018)
- “Sands of Iwo Jima exciting addition to Marines Veterans painting”, *Morrison County Record*, J. Wright (26 April, 2018)
- “Churches' frescoes added to Appalachian Mural Trail”, *The News Herald*, (16 March, 2018)
- “Master Work”, *Initiative Quarterly*, L. Billings Coleman (2017 Vol. 25, 3, 46-47)
- “Sam to become part of Minnesota history”, *Mille Lacs Messenger*, V. LaMoore (17 Nov., 2017)
- “Minnesota artist uses talents to shed good light on armed forces”, *Duluth News Tribune*, Z. Kayser (6 August 2017)
- “Little Falls Artist Honors Military's History, and Fallen”, *WJON* (July 2017)
- “St. Cloud lends support to military art project”, *St. Cloud Times*, T. Drake (28 May, 2017)
- “Diverse Talents”, *American Art Collector*, (May, 2017)
- “Artist Focus”, *American Art Collector*, (March, 2017)
- “Community Spotlight: Charles Kapsner Unveils Latest Project”, *Lakeland Public TV* (8 Feb., 2016)
- “Minn. painter's mission is to honor U.S. military history”, *MPR*, J. Enger (5 Feb., 2016) (AP)
- “Rare Military Artwork Stops at Depot”, *Fox21-TV*, (21 Jan., 2016)
- “Kapsner, allievi di Nerina Simi dona un quadro al Comune”, *La Nazione*, Stazzema Italy (Dec 2015)
- “Memorial Day marks progress for Little Falls artist”, *St. Cloud Times*, F. Rajkowski (24 May, 2015)
- “Art worth the drive: 20 great museum artifacts in outstate Minnesota”, *Star Tribune*, C. DeSmith (5 May, 2015)
- “Art Journey: Portraits and Figures: *North Light Books*, R. Ruben Wulf (2 December, 2014)
- “Kapsner exhibit focuses on elements of ballet”, *St. Cloud Times*, S. Colburn (15 October 2014)
- “Gallery event combines music, ballet and paintings”, *Brainerd Dispatch*, (9 October, 2014)
- “Little Falls artist painting 5 works for Veterans Cemetery”, *St. Cloud Times*, Staff Report, (10 April, 2014)
- “Kapsner, master artist of the year, to be recognized”, *Brainerd Dispatch*, R. Richardson (28 March, 2014)

“Little Falls artist’s painting for veterans cemetery unites unlikely pair,” *Star Tribune*, Meryhew R. (2 March, 2013)
 “Common Ground, Episodes 327-328,” *Lakeland Public Television* (12 and 19 April 2012)
 “On the Road: Those Who Serve” *On the Road with Jason Davis*, (December 2012)
 “Interview with Charles Kapsner,” *Armed Forces Radio* (July 2012)
 “Common Ground, Episodes 327-328,” *Lakeland Public Television* (12 and 19 April 2012)
 “Artist Letters, Notes and Sketches,” Katlan, A. W. (2012)
 “Painting Tribute: Work to Honor Veterans,” *Brainerd Dispatch*, Richardson, R. (18 Nov. 2011)
 “Remembrance Key to Memorial,” *Saint Cloud Times*, Katzner, B. (30 May 2011)
 “Veterans Memorial,” *Minnesota Moments*, Nistler, M. (Summer 2011)
 “Blossom II Art of Flowers” (February 2011)
 “Art Lives on Forever,” *Brainerd Dispatch*, Richardson, R. (18 February 2011)
 “Kapsner Project: Salute to Veterans,” *Minnesota Moments*, Nistler, M. (May/June 2011)
 “A Lesson Through Art,” MN House of Representatives: *Session Weekly*, Ostberg, P. (23 April 2010)
 “Making Art in the Kitchen,” *Brainerd Dispatch*, Richardson, R. (22 August 2009)
 “Feature,” *Charlotte Taste* (2008, 2006, 2001)
 “Charles Kapsner,” *American Art Collector* (December 2005)
 “Charles Kapsner,” *Minnesota Moments*, Nistler, M. (May/June 2005)
 Biennale Internazionale Dell’Arte Contemporanea, (2003)
 “Charles Kapsner Mural,” *TPT NewsNight Minnesota with Jim Neumann* (28 March 2001)
 “Portrait: Telling Tales,” *Minnesota Monthly*, Greve, K. (February 2001)
 “Charles Kapsner,” *On the Road with Jason Davis* (1999)
 “Charles Kapsner,” *Lake Country Journal*, Waller, S. (Jan./Feb. 1999)
 “Fab Four Fresco Artists,” *Charlotte’s Best* (March 1998)
 “Studies in Tradition,” *Creative Loafing* (1998)