



## **Achievements**

- 2019 Superior Volunteer Service Medal, Minnesota National Guard
- 2018 Art Renewal Center, ARC Associate Living Master™
- 2017 United States Coast Guard, Public Service Commendation
- 2013 Five Wings Arts Council, Master Artist
- 2003 Florence Biennale, Career Achievement Award

## **Professional Organizations**

- Art Renewal Center
- 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

**Languages:** Fluent in Italian

## **Awards**

- 2023 Richeson 75 International Portrait Figurative online, Honorable Mention
- 2022 ARC 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Salon, Semi-finalist
- 2019 ARC 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Salon, Finalist
- 2019 Oil Painters of America 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Exhibition, Finalist
- 2019 Studio Pintura, Second Annual Floral Show, Honorable Mention
- 2018 Studio Pintura, First Annual Floral Show, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 int', Best Still Life
- 2017 ARC 13<sup>th</sup> 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

- 2023 Minnesota State Arts Board, Creative Individuals
- 2022 Minnesota State Arts Board, Individual Artist
- 2022 Five Wings Arts Council, Individual Artist
- 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
- 1995 U.S. West Foundation, Little Falls Fresco Project
- 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

- 2023 Plein Air November Salon online
- 2023 *Richeson 75 International Portrait Figurative* online exhibition
- 2022 *Lineage: Generations of Realism*, Salmagundi Club, New York City
- 2022 *Members Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York City
- 2022 *Salon de Refusé*, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI
- 2021 *OPA Juried Salon*, Eastern Regional, ArtCenter Manatee, Manatee, FL
- 2020 *OPA Juried Salon*, Eastern Regional, Reinert Fine Art, Charleston, SC
- 2019 *OPA 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Nat'l Exhibition*, Illume Gallery of Fine Art, St. George UT
- 2018 *NOAPS Best of America Nat'l Exhibition*, Eisele Gallery of Fine Art, Cincinnati, OH
- 2018 *OPA Juried Salon*, Crooked Tree Arts Center, Traverse City, MI
- 2018 *Spring Floral Art Exhibition*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Minnesota Portrait Showcase*, Zeller Studio Gallery, Hopkins, MN
- 2017 *OPA Juried Salon, Eastern Regional*, Anderson Fine Art, St. Simons Island, GA
- 2017 Coast Guard Art Collection (COGAP), Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
- 2017 *New Members Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
- 2017 *Still Life Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
- 2017 *Floral Show*, Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
- 2017 *Mostra La Signorina*, la Maestra, Stazzema, Italy
- 2016 *OPA Salon*, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2016 *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**

- 2024 *Floral Show*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 *Floral Show*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 *Un Omaggio a Nerina: Villa Bertelli*, Forte dei Marmi, Italy
- 2022 *Floral Show*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Small Works*, Studio Pintura, Minneapolis, MN
- 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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Hickory, NC
- 2003 Tower Club, Charlotte, NC
- 2000 *Realism*, One-2-One Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
- 1998 Hamilton Gallery, Montreat, 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**

- 2023 *"Salon" Collaborations*, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2022 *"Salon" Collaborations V Redux*, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2021 *"Salon" Virtual*, Great River Arts, Little Falls, MN
- 2020 *"Salon" Collaborations V Virtual: Artist As Collector*, 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, Collegeville, 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, Paris, France
- Fremantle Foundation: Promoting Foreign Artists in Tuscany, Fiesole, Italy

Hotel De Ville (Paris City Hall), Paris, France  
Minnesota Military Museum, Little Falls, MN  
Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Committal Hall, Little Falls, MN  
Minnesota Historical Society; Minnesota State Capitol Building, St. Paul, MN  
Supreme Court Building, Raleigh, NC  
Trincher 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,

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 – Private Instructor/Artist Mentor: Minnesota and North Carolina

2000 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 –92 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)

**In the News**

“Painting Depicts Five Women of National Guard”, *VFW Magazine* (12 March, 2024)  
“New painting depicting women in Minnesota's National Guard unveiled”, *WCCO* (8 March, 2023)  
“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)