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Robert Gregory Phillips

Biography

Robert Gregory Phillips was born in 1955 and is a contemporary American artist. He works in a broad range of media including painting, photography, drawing, collage, video and code art. His paintings are in corporate and private collections in the USA, Korea and China. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Painting from Troy University, Alabama. Abstraction, realism, impressionism, minimalism and color field are among the influences of his art.

Robert's work considers the dualities which encompasses an authentic life inspired by the spirit. Deeply connected to poetry and the tranquil essence of nature, Robert discovers unique patterns and colors to reveal his inspiration drawn from people, history and underlying simple, everyday moments. His paintings explore a unique color pallet which is at times soft and vulnerable and at others frivolous and chaotic. Both drawing upon the pureness of the moment which evokes a raw, elegant and modern feel.

As an artist, he states that when he does art, he prays and waits, he waits for something to come, not so much a direction, but a feeling or maybe better, a knowing. As he explains that it is not an "all-at-once thing", he usually needs to make a mark, or choose a color before he can know the next thing to do. Then, for him, one mark leads to the next, one color to the next. He would only consider his art as complete until a certain aesthetic is reached, and he never knows how long is going to take.

Robert Gregory Phillips works consistently portrays a reflection of 4 main elements: Fire, Wind, Earth, Water. His main focus achieves pulling these elements together to translate his emotional ties with the seasons of nature and the sun or the moon. Through his use of color, texture and brush stroke, Robert vibrates the viewer with these strong emotional ties that he so longs to connect with nature and the spirit of the all-encompassing earth. This plays a primordial role when appreciating one of his creations.

But yet, Robert Gregory Phillips will always translate his paintings to the main creator of the world, where he, by an exceptional process of finding the right and divine connection, finds his inspiration and transcends this message through a recollection of brushstrokes that ultimately captures the time and essence of these magnificent moments of realization. Soaking his inspiration from the gardens around his studio is one of his key methods before starting; translating the rich colors from the seasons from different arrangements of flowers. By overlooking at these small and precious landscapes and making an abstraction in his mind of not only what the eyes would see, but also what the soul of the spectator would sense and feel at that time. At other times, he portrays the element of the flower, merging the element of the water and making it the soothing background of his composition.

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Other points of Robert's motivation and inspiration comes from a sunset, a sunrise, a beautiful afternoon or a dark evening. As well his imaginary collection of dreams and fantasies from a peaceful trip he once had, to the ocean, or a nostalgic and cold dark night through his past experiences. Finding all the shapes, forms, and colors that would fill in the corners of his mind, to later document and abstract these precious models of inspiration, thus turning them into grand colorful depictions of his own artistic design.

Sometimes he will stop after a few minutes and re-start it again on the next day. Some other times he will work in this process of 'art aesthetic' for months or even years until the piece is finished. Film, music, poetry, philosophy, theology, nature, science and technology have certainly a deep influence on his artwork, but the dominant element is relationships. Relationships with friends and family but also, as he defines, with the ever-present influence from the author of creation, always having a deep yearning of his soul. Phillips lives near Austin, Texas with his wife and family.

Selected Exhibitions and Art Fairs

2017 Upcoming solo Exhibition in Lilac Gallery, New York City, New York
2016 "Affordable Art Fair - Fall 2016" with Lilac Gallery (New York, USA)
2010 "The Peoples Gallery Exhibition" at City Hall, Austin, Texas
2008 "Grace Exhibition" Solo Exhibition, Austin, Texas
2008 "Max08 International" Art Exhibition, Qingdao, China
2008 "Solo Exhibition" Hong Du Gallery, Qingdao, China
2007 "Max07 International" Art Exhibition, Qingdao, China
2003 "Austin Galleries" Austin, Texas
2001 "Austin Seminary" Solo exhibition Austin, Texas
1998 "Milan Gallery, Forth Worth, Texas
1994 "Group Exhibition" Arlene Siegel Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
1993 "Group Exhibition" New Masters Gallery, Taos, New Mexico
1992 "Group Exhibition" The Howell Gallery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1990 "Group Exhibition" Earth Works Gallery, Lake Charles, Louisiana
1988 "Group Exhibition" Prellop Gallery, Austin, Texas
1988 "Group Exhibition" Sol Del Rio Gallery, San Antonio, Texas
1987 "Solo Exhibition" Troy University Exhibition, Montgomery, Alabama
1986 "Art of the Pines Exhibition" Enterprise, Alabama
1986 "Birmingham Art and Frame" Birmingham, Alabama
1985 "Wiregrass Art Exhibition" Dothan, Alabama
1985 "Houston County Library Art Exhibition" Solo Exhibition, Dothan, Alabama
1985 International Television Show "On The Rock" Interview and Solo Exhibition, TBN Network
1985 "Group Exhibition" Bay Art Gallery, Panama City, Florida
1985 "Group Exhibition" Sally's Art Gallery, Dothan, Alabama
1984 "Grant County Art Exhibition" Williamstown, Kentucky
1982 "United Methodist Art Exhibition" San Antonio, Texas
1981 "Group Exhibition" London Galleries, Austin, Texas
1974 "Enterprise College Exhibition" Enterprise, Alabama
1970 "Dale County Art Exhibition" Ozark, Alabama

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Corporate and Private Collections

Omni Hotels & Resorts

Metro Airlines - Texas

Katz Family Art Collection - San Antonio, Texas

Murata Family Art Collection - San Antonio/Houston, Texas

McKinley Family Art Collection - Austin, Texas

James Pang Art Collection - Qingdao, China

Private Collection BioTech Firm- San Antonio and Austin, Texas

Private Collections, California

Private Collections, Oklahoma

Private Collections, New Mexico

Private Collections, Tennessee

Private Collections, Kentucky

Private Collections, Alabama

Private Collections, Florida

Private Collections, Illinois

Private Collections, Korea

Private Collections, Texas