

2018 is the 40th Anniversary of this, the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts, founded in 1978. It is the institution which has been my life's work. The efficacy of this endeavor has been much enhanced by my partnership with Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, a fine artist, proponent and benefactor of the arts in our community.

These two exhibitions celebrate the success of our partnership and our gratitude to the people of New Orleans who have supported us over the years. Our purpose continues to be the maintenance of aesthetic disciplines that have served the Fine Arts for centuries. We are proud of our instructors, professors and staff, all well known practicing artists who share their knowledge at this Academy as instructors of life, portrait and landscape painting and other relevant themes that our current cyber inspired popular culture tends to neglect. We are proud of the hundreds of students who have passed through our studios as many are now well known practicing artists.

True creativity can be a product of the love of history, nature and the mystery of life. We pursue the relationship of matter and spirit by our awareness of the miracles that surround us.

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