

## Russ Traver

"My work conveys a deep respect for nature which influences, surrounds, and binds our lives together, both collectively and spiritually. It is this appreciation for all things which inspires me to reflect, respond, and interpret as nature does in an ever changing atmosphere."

A native of Syracuse, New York, Russ has exhibited throughout North Florida and the Southeast. He has had his work accepted to show by the Speed Museum of Art, Louisville, Kentucky; Florida State University, "The Florida National", Tallahassee, Florida; the University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama; the Thomasville Artist Guild, Thomasville, Georgia; and Gadsden Arts Center, Quincy, Florida.

Russ studied Art and Art History at Syracuse University; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky; and Georgia State University, Atlanta where he graduated in 1976 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Art, American History, and Education.

As a Surreal-Fauvist Artist Russ strives to combine the ideals and expressions of both Surrealism and Fauvism. Surrealism serves to emphasize a positive expression created by the artist. With fauvism color rains supreme as an emotional force. It is the transgression of the mind into the past by which we discover images of the future.

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