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Carmelo Blandino

“My works are entrusted with the messages of Ages, created to impart healing and creative inspiration through beauty.”

Born to Sicilian parents in Tübingen, Germany, and with a childhood spent in the cities of Montreal and Modica, Sicily, Carmelo Blandino's life journey has spanned continents and oceans. It has now brought him to the United States, where he has studios and residences in both Connecticut and Wisconsin. Blandino grows his inspirational vocabulary by taking the essentialness of home to each and every place he has made his bed, wherever he has set up easel and wielded a paintbrush.

Blandino studied art and design in Montreal and enjoyed success as freelance illustrator to advertising agencies, designers and architects. A next step, borne of both logic and calling,

demanding that Blandino turn his focus on the creation of his own artistic legacy. The result is a fast growing, ever-morphing, highly personal and spiritually guided oeuvre. Informed heavily by Blandino's multicultural heritage and imbued with a sensual, expressionistic exuberance, Carmelo's paintings are renowned for their immediacy and intensity – color, movement, and combustible forms display elemental deconstruction, rebuilt into alluring visions of harmonious appeal. The transcendental narrative, which lies at the heart of Carmelo's work, is achieved via a *symbolic* abstraction of the flowers, landscapes and faces he renders. These images speak intimately and empathically as brilliant manifestations of what Blandino calls his "unconscious to unconscious communication."

Education:

1983-1984 Creative Arts: Vanier College, Quebec, Canada

1985-1988 Illustration and Design: Dawson College, Montreal, Canada

Workshop: 2000-2001 Drawing and Painting: Saidye Bronfman Centre, Montreal, Canada

Exhibitions:

2017 Tew Galleries Salon Show, Atlanta, GA

2015 Solo Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille

"Carmelo Blandino & Hunt Slonem Kindred Spirits", Coats Wright Fine Arts, Carmel, Indiana

Solo Show, "The Art of the Garden", Jane Eckert Fine Art and Consulting

Solo Show, "Candy Flowers", Thomas Riley Studio, Naples, Florida

Spring Group Show, Thomas Riley Studio, Naples, Florida

Solo Show, Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal

2014 "Wolf Kahn & Carmelo Blandino", Galerie Sono, Norwalk, Connecticut

Solo Show, "New Works", Galerie Sono, Norwalk, Connecticut

Solo Show, "New Beginnings", Couture Galleri, Stockholm Sweden

"Florida Contemporary", Baker Museum, Naples, Florida

Lecture and Exhibition, "Creativity is Natural", The Von Liebig Center, Naples, Florida

"Suspended Dialogues", Solo Show and Lecture, Thomas Riley Studio, Naples, Florida

2013 Solo Exhibition, "Rebirth", Sono Gallery, Norwalk, Connecticut

"Wynwood Walls", Art Basel Miami

Galerie Sono, Norwalk, Connecticut

JLD Design Showroom, Café Des Artistes

Hall-Barnett Gallery, New Orleans

2012 "Wynwood Walls", Art Basel Miami

Solo Show, "The Flowering of Consciousness", Galerie de Bellefeuille, Montreal
Group Show, Arcadia Fine Arts, Four Seasons Hotel, New York City
"En Masse", Group Show, Galerie Pangee

2011 "En Masse: Primary Flight", Wynwood Walls, Art Basel Miami
Fountain Art Fair, Art Basel Miami
Toronto International Art Fair, TIAF

2010 Solo Show, "The Earth Laughs In Flowers", Couture Gallery, Stockholm
Solo Show, "The Earth Laughs In Flowers", Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montreal
"29th Founders Show", The Von Liebig Center, Naples, Florida
"Art 2010", Group Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille

2009 "Art 2009", Group Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille
"Breathe", Group Show, Judith Liegeois showroom
"Nature 2009", Group show, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Wallace Gallery, Fall Show
"Third on Canvas", The Von Liebig Center, Naples, Florida
"Have a Seat II", Naples Museum of Art,

2008 Art 2008, Group Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Art show, Judith Liegeois Showroom
Naples Museum Studio Tour
Palm Beach Art Fair
Solo Show, "Memoria", Galerie De Bellefeuille
Faculty Biennial, The Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, Florida
Solo show, Sanctus- Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Chicago Art Fair
Toronto International Art Fair

2007 Group show, Art 2007, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Toronto International Art Fair
Palm Beach Art Fair, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Solo Show, "Vivo", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
Small Works, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Solo Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Solo Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montréal

2006 "Small Works", Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Solo Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Solo Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montréal

2005 "Figura", Galerie De Bellefeuille
Group Show, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Group Show II, Galerie De Bellefeuille
Solo Show: Landscapes and Florals, Galerie de Bellefeuille

Art Chicago, Chicago Art Fair
Art For Life - Casey House Foundation
Toronto International Art Fair

- 2004 "The Painted Gift", Hubert Gallery, New York
Small Works - Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
Small Works - Bau-Xi Gallery, Vancouver
Art For Life - Casey House Foundation
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
Galerie De Bellefeuille, Montréal
"Circa 700", Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto
- 2003 Pausa - Bau-IX Gallery, Toronto
Galerie De Bellefeuille. Montréal
- 2002 Galerie Simon Blais, Montréal
Bau-IX Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal, Montréal
New Canadian Painting Royal Bank of Canada, Place Ville-Marie, Montréal
New Canadian Painting Competition, Royal Bank of Canada Exhibit, Ottawa
Viva Italia, Holt Renfrew, Montréal

Museum Collections:
Brenau Museum, Gainesville, Georgia USA

Museum Exhibitions:
2014 Baker Art Museum, Naples Florida, Florida Contemporary

Bibliography:

- 2015 Huffington Post: "Kindred Spirits: Carmelo Blandino and Hunt Slonem"
Studio Visit Magazine
World of Interiors: What's Trending
House and Garden: What's Trending
- 2014 American Art Collector, March Floral issue
- 2013 Maps Magazine. Front Cover featured "A Love Song"
Gulfshore Life, 01/01/2013
- 2010 Naples Illustrated, "Legends of the Fall: Oscar De La Renta / Carmelo Blandino"
Gulfshore Life "Rising Star", 01/15/2010

Gulfshore Life "The Art of Style". 09/08/2010

Carmelo Blandino: Pulse Magazine: 9 artists profiled, 01-15-2010

2009 Naples Florida Weekly "Third on Canvas event culminates in live auction:
Among the participating artists are: Paul Arsenault, Carmelo Blandino"

2008 Mass Art Guide – Audio Carmelo Blandino, hosted by: Julie Glick Length: 26.5 Minutes.

"At Home with Art: 13th Annual Artists' Studio Tour opens door to creative work and living spaces", Naples Daily News, Janice T. Paine, Wednesday, February 27, 2008

RBC Canadian Painting Competition, 2008 Royal Bank of Canada, edited by Laurel Mac Millan

"Shining Through: The Art of Carmelo Blandino", Text by Betty Ann Jordan

2006 Canadian House & Home / Tea Time, page 72

2005 Toronto Star, Deft Mix of Light & Dark

Corriere Italiano, May 6th , L'Encan per Santa Cabrini, un appuntamento divertente da non mancare!

2002 2001 Grafika Magazine, numero 68, mars 2001, Carmelo Blandino illustrateur,
Le Talent Partagé

Private Collections from TEW Galleries:

Cindy Fowler, Atlanta, GA

Rick & Sharon Zellmer, GA