



K e v i n K e a r n s

Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY

Artist Statement

Kevin Kearns' landscapes come from a place where memory, reality, and imagination are combined. They are atmospheric, sensual and continue to evolve over time, allowing the viewer a glimpse into his world. We are invited to dream, fly over, walk around, live in, and contemplate that world – seductive, enticing, and coming from very specific memories of places that have fascinated Kearns, whether it be the Hudson Valley where his current studio is located or places like the New England seacoast, Iceland, and Europe.

The resulting landscape images are full of light, space, color, softly undulating hills that disappear and reappear, broad expansive skies, and yet little sense of human presence or architecture. They combine a strong sense of the abstract with the organic, essentially allowing nature to be nature. The oil paint is allowed to drip, build up, or be scraped back, resulting in the totality of the final image to evoke a variety of qualities that tap into Kearns' very personal responses to the subject matter.

Born in Boston and raised on the New Hampshire seacoast, Kearns studied at the Art Institute of Boston and went on to a successful career as an illustrator, Art Director, Designer and Creative Director. His work received numerous awards and accolades, including multiple Cannes Lions, One Show awards, New York Art Director awards, London International Awards, an Emmy nomination, and was published in prestigious award show annuals and books, including *Communication Arts*, the *British Art Directors Annual* and *Graphis Poster*.

Throughout his career, Kearns was obsessed with the quality and visceral response that working by hand could achieve. Having immersed himself in 2D film and print for so long, his vast experiences and curiosity with composition, structure, and color was already ingrained, making it a smooth transition into the world of fine art. So he started recording his observations of landscape, a journey that he began at age 14. Enhanced by the many tools acquired throughout his career, Kearns continues to push the boundaries of his vibrant landscape images that evoke an emotive quality, making his work deeply contemplative, personal, and accessible.

Kearns' work is housed in many private and corporate collections throughout North America, Canada, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. He now lives, teaches, and works in the Hudson Valley region of New York.

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Representation

Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Claire Carino Contemporary, Boston MA
The Julie Nester Gallery, Park City, Utah
The Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY

Solo Exhibitions

2017- Scenic Abstraction, Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY
2015- Recent Landscapes, Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY
2013- Streaks of Light, Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY
2008- Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY
2003- Stricoff Gallery, New York, NY
2002- First Street Gallery, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions

2019- Summer Group Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2018- Summer Group Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2018- 2 Person Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2018- "Fragile" 2 person show, West Branch Gallery, Stowe, VT
2016- Sensing Place. Chris Davison Gallery, Newburgh, NY
Artists: Kevin Kearns, Jill Levine, Mariella Bisson, Fran O'Neill, H. Spencer Young, Julie Lindell.
2016- Summer Group Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2015- Summer Group Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2014- Fall Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2013- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2013- Summer Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, East Hampton, NY
2013- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2012- Winter Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2012- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2012- Surfaces II, 2 Person Show Kevin Kearns / David Kessler, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2011- Surfaces, 2 Person Show Kevin Kearns / David Kessler, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2011- The Works Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
2011- Spring Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2011- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2010- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2010- The Works Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
2010- Group Exhibit, Mark Gallery, Englewood, NJ
2010- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2010- Chicago Art fair
2009- 2-person Exhibit, Garrison Art Center. Garrison, NY
2009- The Works Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
2009- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2009- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2008- LA Art Fair
2008- Fall and Spring exhibits: Garrison Art Center, Benefit Auction, Garrison, NY
2007- Spring Exhibition, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2007- Toronto Art Fair
2006- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2006- The Works Gallery, Wellfleet, MA
2005- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2005- Sotheby's -Take home a nude, New York Academy of Art
2004- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2003- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC
2002- Group Show, Stricoff Gallery, NYC

Teaching

2015- Private Landscape workshops, Newburgh, NY
2012- Fashion Institute of Technology, Guest Lecturer
2008- Landscape Workshops, Garrison Art Center, Garrison, NY

