



BRAVURA!

by Micaiah Hardison

Sunday March 29th: Paintout at Leo Carillo Ranch with Jeffrey R Watts

Paint 'en plein air' with Jeff and myself next weekend at Leo Carillo Ranch, a 27-acre Old Spanish-California style ranch and historic park. We will have at least one model posing in Spanish costume. Jeff will be painting the figure en plein air just as he will be when teaching the group in Spain. There are also numerous scenes to paint around the ranch.

This will be a great opportunity to meet Jeff and we can answer any questions you may have about the upcoming workshop-retreat in Spain. We would love to have you join that group in June and there are still a few months to make arrangements.

The Ranch was built in the

1930's to imitate much earlier times, and therefore looks much older. Old Spanish style buildings, native plants, rustic farm tools, mature trees and resident peacocks are all great painting subjects.

There are picnic areas, restrooms and ample parking. Lots of space to wander and shoot photos. Admission is free. You can even start painting early and bring a lunch. The model(s) will pose starting at 2pm



When:

Sunday, March 29th 2 pm - 5 pm

Where:

Leo Carillo Ranch
6200 Flying Leo Carillo Lane,
Carlsbad, CA 92009



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- Refreshments will be provided.

- Sunshine is forecasted!

www.carrillo-ranch.org





SOROLLA MURALS COME HOME!

“Visions of Spain” In Madrid

Spain’s beloved son, Joaquin Sorolla (1863-1923) spent eight years creating the ‘Vision of Spain’ series of huge canvases before they were completed in 1919. He died before these monumental works could ever be displayed. They were installed at their intended home at the Hispanic Society in New York City where they have spent the last eight decades on permanent display.



Recently, Bancaja commissioned the restoration of the canvases and sponsored their exhibition tour of Spain. This is their first time on display in Spain and they have been greeted with immense enthusiasm.

On my first visit to the Hispanic Society the work almost felt abandoned as I stood alone for hours on a cold fall day enjoying the awesome paintings. Last May I was able to see the same works in Sevilla, now totally restored and being admired by thousands of Spaniards. Jaws dropped and sighs filled the air as groups of Sorolla fanatics moved through the rooms gazing at and into the scenes. There was a one hour wait to get to the panels and it didn’t matter, the crowd was as vibrant as the work that was installed inside and once in there time was irrelevant.

The Exhibit in Madrid will be at the Prado Museum and will feature the 14 panels of the Visions of Spain collection along with over 100 other works by Joaquin Sorolla.

Students coming to Jeffrey Watts Workshop Retreat will be coming at the perfect time to enjoy this event!

Register Online at www.BravuraAcademy.com

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JEFFREY R. WATTS WORKSHOP

Workshop Description:

If you have ever dreamed of painting figures in the wonderful tradition of Sorolla this is the workshop for you!

The emphasis will be on painting the figure and portrait outdoors in the Spanish landscape. We will stage Spanish themed models as we work on harmonizing color, vignettes and creating exciting, spontaneous paintings in the tradition of Sorolla, Zorn and Sargent.

This is a great workshop for all levels. Oil painting will be emphasized, however gouache painting for new students will be addressed as an option.

More about the instructor: www.JeffreyRWatts.com



Most Meals Included



Equipment & Materials Included



Beautiful Spanish Models



Good Wine & New Friendships



DANIEL GREENE WORKSHOP!

The living master blessed us with his presence for a week in November. He arrived in Spain a few days before the workshop and enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere. Throughout the week he executed a series of well thought out lectures and demonstrations that were full of wisdom and experience. We had models posing every day and we also went out for plein air sessions.

I took home some valuable lessons that I have been applying in my painting and I have heard from other students that their work has improved noticeably by applying some of the council by our Instructor. The most memorable times for me were the discussions where students asked him specifics about the painting profession and presented their portfolios to him for review.

It seemed that Mr. Greene really enjoyed his stay and on the last day he exclaimed, "Micaiah, you may have changed my lifestyle. I may have to drink wine at lunch everyday...I may have to start painting abstract!"



Daniel Greene Teaching at Bravura Academy

I found this post on a Portrait Artist Forum:

"I wanted to let you know that I attended the workshop by Daniel Greene in Spain this November and it was great!"

Of course Daniel Greene is a wonderful teacher, and although I work professionally as a portrait painter, I could learn a lot from his many years of experience.

The workshops are organized by Micaiah Hardison, who did a wonderful job. We painted in a very large studio, which was situated on the same property where we stayed. It had a beautiful courtyard and a large garden with a pool. The rooms were situated around the courtyard and there were also studios in several cottages spread out over the property. There was a spectacular view of Arcos de la Frontera from the studio and the hotel.

I can really recommend the Bravura Academy; they were very helpful and did a great job organizing the whole week. The non-painting guests didn't have to be bored, the surroundings are wonderful for walks and site seeing." B.B.



Daniel Greene Painting in Arcos de la Frontera

Spring Calender:

March 29 2009 :

Carlsbad CA:

Bravura Paint Out with Jeff Watts.

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April 26-May 17 2009 :

California Art Club:

98th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition at the Pasadena Museum of California Art

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May 1-31 2009 :

OPA 18th National Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oils at the Sage Creek Gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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May 26-Sept 6 2009 :

Vision of Spain exhibition at The Prado Museum, Madrid. 14 panels and more than 100 works by Joaquin Sorolla.

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June 21st -27th :

Arcos de la Frontera, SPAIN

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