

Annie Chirieleison

Annie Chirieleison's journey as an artist began at age 7 when her parents were called to her elementary school to meet with an art critic and a child psychologist. Her parents were informed she was gifted in art and asked to borrow her paintings for the summer for a teacher's convention in Los Angeles where they were having a workshop on how to detect art talent at an early age. From that point forward Annie's parents made sure she never lacked art supplies. Art was a natural way of life for her and spilled off the edge of the canvas and paper into every aspect of her life.

"I love the magical process of creating and my art reflects the places I have been, moments which cause me to pause for reflection and the beautiful Land of Enchantment where I live. Light, shadow and color inspire me. I love our big sky and its many variations, our magical mountains, rock formations and how the past is always reflected in the present. Inspiration lives in New Mexico."

She has a fondness of paper and the medium of pastel allows her to use many types of paper surfaces. Pastel can be used in many different ways which satisfies the mad scientist in her who likes experimentation. "Art is one grand experiment which has kept me excited to walk this

path my whole life. If I can make you pause for reflection, it was worth the walk.

Annie lives in Albuquerque with her husband, Joe, her yellow lab, Lulu and two cats, Maxine & Louie.

Current Juried Exhibitions and Awards:

- 2016 MasterWorks Exhibition
- 2015 MasterWorks Exhibition
- 2015 Pastel Society of New Mexico 24th Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition
- 2015 Blick Art Materials Award - 24th Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition
- 2014 Pastel Society of New Mexico 23rd Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition
- 2013 Pastel Society of New Mexico 22nd Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition
- 2012 Pastel Society of New Mexico 21st Annual National Pastel Painting Exhibition

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