

Cindy Wagner acquired her love and skills for painting as a teen while working with her dad creating sets for movies, the NYC ballet and theater. The Artists at Variety Scenic Studios were her first teachers and mentors. Cindy's paintings depict life's moments, real people and places. She graduated SUNY at Buffalo with a degree in Physical Therapy and knowledge of human anatomy. She continued studying art at Silvermine School of Art and with individual master artists. She is Past Chairman of the Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists, Juried Member of the Salmagundi Club, Juried member of Oil Painters of America, and The Westport Artist Collective. Cindy is a board member for the Commission for the Arts Town of Weston and Metropolitan Museum Benefit Chair for the Catharine Lorillard Wolf Arts Club. She currently teaches painting and drawing at several locations in Connecticut. Her work has been exhibited in galleries, museums and universities. She is the recipient of several awards including 2022 Connecticut Society of Portrait Artist Faces and Figures, 2020 Mixmaster at the Mattatuck Museum CT Visitor Award, 2017 Southport Portrait Festival Painting Award and Jurors Award. She received Honorable Mention Award 2019 Dreams Juried Exhibition Rene Soto Gallery CT.

Bodies of Work:

Commission Portraits: Cindy has been creating Commission portraits for twenty years. She paints from a combination of photos and live sessions. The live sessions give her an opportunity to view her clients as their most natural self.

The Passages Series inspired by the passage of time and a life of experiences. Passages included places that are structurally interesting and unique. For this series the abstract design, the geometric shapes and textures are the focus.

Dancing through Life Series is about the beauty and enchantment of dance. The goal is creating a painting of pure joy. Accuracy of anatomy, the dance position and theatrical color are a priority in this series. The series was inspired by a pre-ballet dance recital. Each little dancer moved in opposite directions, not in unison as instructed. Smiling, I decided I had to paint these moments.

Landscape and Still Life paintings may be commissioned. Cindy paints from still life set ups in her studio or outdoors landscapes En Plein Aire.

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Awards

2022 CT Society of Portrait Artist Faces and Figures Exhibit **Honorable Mention Award**

2020 Mixmaster Juried Exhibition at the Mattatuck Museum, CT **Visitor Award**

2019 Dreams Juried Exhibition Rene Soto Gallery, CT **Honorable Mention Award**

2017 Southport Portrait Festival - **Jurors Award and Painting Award for the Hot Mess**

Publicity

2022 Close To Home And Heart Works of Cindy Wagner **Hamlet Hub**

2013 February **Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine** Article "In The Chair: Sitting for a Portrait"

2009 Winter **Edition Norwalk Plus** Faces of Fairfield At Lockwood Mansion Museum

2009 March **The Lyme Times** The Art of the Portrait

Recent Exhibits:

2025. Jill Rae Gallery Solo Show

2025: Portraits in Bloom CT Society of Portrait Artist

2025: Curator Weston Connections Art Exhibit Weston Commission for the Arts

2025: Dance Conservatory of Ridgefield Exhibit- Dancing Through Life Series

2024: Salmagundi Club NYC Thumb Box Exhibit

2024: CLWAC Small Works Exhibit NYC

2024: Art Walk Ridgefield CT

2024: Artist Collective of Westport Group Exhibit.

2023: CLWAC Open Juried Exhibit NYC

2022 Featured Artist RPAC Gallery

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