

"Private Collections"

Mr. Darnell V. Jones, Artist

Art Talk and Reception: Friday May 13, 2016
12-2 P.M. | Talk: 12:30 P.M.

Exhibition: May 1-June 30, 2016

Mr. Darnell Jones, a Nashville native, works in a variety of media and genres, starting out as a portrait painter. His art skills began at a very young age. Jones first interest was drawing horses, animals and nature. His interest in painting had increased by high school. Mrs. Ardela Thompson, his art teacher at Pearl High, introduced him to painting in oils on canvas, which turned out to be his favorite medium.

Mr. Jones studied art education at Tennessee State University and pursued a degree in Communicative Design at the University of Tennessee. Although he never taught, his mother was a school teacher. He attributes Mr. Greg Ridley, Professor and Head of the Art Department at Tennessee State and Fisk universities to be his greatest

influences. It was Jones wife, Ms. Patricia Lee, who encouraged him to start back exhibiting his artwork after returning back to Nashville.

Mr. Jones commissioned works include, Quality Takes Time (Printers Alley) who hired him to paint thirty portraits of country-western stars, and Brentwood Baptist Church of Jesus. Recent solo exhibition includes the Franklin's Art Crawl. His art has evolved from canvas and clothing to his experimentation with the alla prima technique (also known as wet-on-wet) and materials such as fabric paint, soft pastels, felt pens, and gouache.

In the '70s, Mr. Jones career took a turn to culinary artistry when he came to realize that visual and culinary art use the same influences. He says, "I capture as much of the flavor as I can." He worked in Printers Alley at the 5-star gourmet restaurant, the Brass Rail.

Jones continues to paint and draw today from his home in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Artist Statement

The joy and pleasure I obtain from my art is being able to make a picture, photograph or person come to life on canvas. This is my way of giving realism to the gift I have been given.



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