

MARC ROSS

American , b. 1958

"Marc Ross' work gives us a glimpse of another place, maybe a dream or a far-off reality. Drawing the viewer in with his quiet and soothing oceans of blue and green, suddenly shapes appear just out of focus, sometimes menacing, other times warm and comforting. These works are richly layered, cleverly composed and subtle in every way."

- Darren Baker

BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Marc Ross received a B.F.A. degree from Ohio University, attended graduate school at the University of Chicago, and completed his M.F.A. degree in painting at Kent State University. While attending the University of Chicago, Ross was fortunate to be part of a small-group seminar led by the late art critic Harold Rosenberg which instilled in him his belief that you learn and grow as an artist through the physical act of creating your artwork.

After finishing graduate school, Ross enrolled in a private commercial art school in Cleveland to study mechanical / technical drawing and airbrushing. He then spent many years in the commercial art field as a designer, staff illustrator for Penton Publishing and freelancer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Sunday editorial page. After moving to Baltimore, Maryland, he was employed as a muralist, technical illustrator and then as a faux-finish painter while continuing to develop his fine art painting. Marc Ross has also worked as an adjunct art instructor at Cuyahoga Community College's eastern and western campuses, the Columbus College of Art and Design's Saturday program, and The Ohio State University's Foundations program. After earning a master's degree in education from Ashland University, Ross taught art for sixteen years in a public high school.

Throughout the last two decades Marc Ross has been experimenting and developing a method of painting that was recently featured in a solo exhibit at The Butler Institute of American Art. His work has also been exhibited in numerous venues, including the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Klutznick National Jewish Museum of Washington, D.C., the Southern Ohio Museum, and various galleries in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Cleveland, Columbus, and Pittsburgh.