

About the Artist

Ric Dentinger has been painting and illustrating professionally for over 30 years while successfully balancing a career as an art director and managing his own graphic design shop.

Born in La Rochelle, France, Dentinger was raised in a military family that lived in several locations in Europe and the United States, finally settling in San Antonio, Texas. From a very young age, Dentinger was obsessed with drawing and painting. He attended the Warren Hunter School of Fine Arts in San Antonio, where he focused primarily on watercolor painting.

He has great admiration for the art of Rembrandt, Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth, John Singer Sargent, Edward Hopper, Edgar Degas and Anders Zorn.

Dentinger has received numerous awards for his bold and dramatic watercolor paintings throughout the United States, including Best of Show in Texas and Louisiana, and other awards in Houston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle.

He has had articles about his work in Watercolor Artist Magazine June 2010, including the cover art, The Art of Watercolour #47 October 2022, International Artist Magazine February/March 2024 and has been accepted 4 times in the Splash series of books highlighting the best contemporary watercolor artists. His work can also be found in the book Painting in Watercolor: The Indispensable Guide (Webb, 2016).

He has taught many workshops throughout the United States and continues teaching classes at the Santa Fe Community College.

From 2009 to 2020, he was on the faculty of the Southwest School of Art (which is an accredited art school offering a BFA) in San Antonio, TX. He is also a Brand Ambassador for Holbein Artist Materials.

In 2018, Dentinger was selected as a Centennial Painter with the Art of Texas Parks Project, celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the Texas State Park System. His work will be included in a book and a show at the Texas State Capitol in 2022.

Dentinger paints in a representational style, choosing subject matter from his current home of Santa Fe New Mexico and his travels.

Painting in watercolor or oil, he favors evocative subjects, such as dilapidated buildings, intriguing portraits, moody landscapes and animals with strong personalities.

Dentinger is represented by Hunt Gallery in San Antonio Texas.