

Miles Bair



Miles Bair was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania. He studied art at Edinboro University and West Virginia University, and was the director of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Art for three decades and is an emeritus professor of art. He has been a visiting artist at a number of major American universities and at the Tama Art University and Oberlin University in Tokyo, Japan. The brush handling technique Bair uses is not pointillism; instead, the deliberate and considerate placement of the thousands of dots that compose his visions provide rich contrast to the black underpainting and the ethereal, shimmering metallic leaf. Although the influence of Japanese artistic tradition is evident in his work, the Northern Wisconsin landscape informs his work most intimately. He has exhibited widely including Quincy Art Center in Illinois, University of Wisconsin-Madison, McLean County Arts Center in Bloomington, Illinois, Carole Jones Gallery in Chicago, and many more institutions and galleries nationally as well as internationally.



Education

- 1972 MA, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 1970 MEd, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
- 1969 BS, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Selected Exhibitions

- 2018 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2017 John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2015 Beard Art Center, Marian, IN
- 2014 Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- 2013 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2012 Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2011 Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI
William Havu Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2007 Mary Bell Galleries, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL
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University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2004 Mclean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
- 1997 Illinois Agricultural Association, Bloomington, IL
- 1994 Carole Jones Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1993 One Illinois Center, Chicago, IL
Carole Jones Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1991 East/West Contemporary Fine Art, Chicago, IL
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Naperville Art Center, Naperville, IL

Selected Collections

- Mayo Clinic Foundation, Rochester, MN
- Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA
- First Western Trust Bank, Denver, CO
- City Hall and Transportation Center, Normal, IL
- Neville Public Museum, Green Bay, WI
- McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
- Shirk Foundation Collection, Beer Nuts Corporation
- Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL
- Ames Foundation, Ames Library, Bloomington, IL
- Central Illinois Regional Airport, Bloomington, IL
- Takeuchi Collection, Tokyo, Japan
- Kemper Group Corporation Collection, Chicago, IL
- Illinois Wesleyan University Memorial Center Collection, Bloomington, IL
- Milliken University Collection, Decatur, IL
- College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, MN
- Thiel College, Greenville, PA
- City Hall, Wilmington, DE

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