

Checker Cab Gallery, Wilmington, NC

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seeing in the world - such as a green tree or a yellow sun. The colors have vibrations. When we study nature, it has color and influence beyond what we comprehend. For me it's about learning to see the world in this different way. When I start painting, I look at reality, but then I have to come back and ask what is there really to see: what am I experiencing and what emotion is the scene evoking in me."

Born in Russian Armenia, Ovanes Berberian received academic training under the tutelage of his father, a noted artist and professor. In the summer of 1977, he immigrated to the United States. The young artist was awarded a scholarship to study with the master painter Sergei Bongart. That experience had a profound effect on Berberian, leading to his deep understanding of color relationships, hues and values ("color harmony"), and traditions of realism. His works are expressionist in nature with a sense of the Old Masters. Berberian's keen perception of the landscape and its moods, enables him to simplify subject matter, reducing the components to their most fundamental and poetic form. Each painting is rich with substance, striking a chord deep within the viewer.

Checker Cab Gallery is a full-service gallery featuring abstract and representational artwork serving collectors of all levels. It is



Work by Joan Farrenkopf

downtown Wilmington's most dynamic gallery featuring original artwork by regional emerging and established artists, offering the public the opportunity to get to know and understand the artists directly.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 919/270-1711 or visit (www.checkercab-productions.com).

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, Offers Works by Sterling Edwards

Sunset River Marketplace in Calabash, NC, is presenting an exhibit of abstract painting by Sterling Edwards, on view through Sept. 30, 2012.



Work by Sterling Edwards

On the heels of a hugely successful art workshop with Sterling Edwards, Sunset River Marketplace - the eclectic Calabash, NC, art gallery - announces a showing of Edwards' newest abstract pieces at the gallery. It includes two on paper under glass and several large acrylic paintings on canvas.

Originally from St. Louis, MO, Edwards now resides in Hendersonville, NC, where he has a commercial gallery/studio in addition to his home studio. He began painting at age 12, when his parents noticed his natural ability to draw and enrolled him in an oil painting class. The young artist quickly began experimenting with every medium available to him.

Edwards' painting background is mainly in traditional transparent watercolor. Once a student of watercolor master Zoltan Szabo, Edwards developed his own watercolor style and began conducting workshops in 1993. He is also the designer of a signature set of watercolor brushes and palette that are marketed internationally.

Edwards has been a featured artist in *Watercolor Magic* magazine and was elected in 2008 as a signature member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor. In 2010 he was awarded a signature membership in the esteemed Transparent Watercolor Society of America. His book, "Creating Luminous Watercolor: a Four-Step Process" was published in 2010 by Northlight Books.

According to the artist, Edwards spent years making the transition from a representational painter to an abstract artist. "My abstracts are my personal interpretations of things I have seen and places I have ventured."

As an abstract expressionist, Edwards relies on expressive brushwork to convey a sense of energy in his paintings. When combined with multiple layers of pigment and rich value contrasts, a thought provoking painting emerges that is a unique interpretation by the artist.

According to gallery owner Ginny Lassiter, "Sunset River will offer another Sterling Edwards Abstract Acrylics workshop April 1 - 5, 2013. This has been one of our most popular, most sought after workshops. I advise anyone who is interested in participating to contact the gallery and register for the class".

Sunset River Marketplace art gallery is located in historic Calabash, just minutes from Brunswick Island, NC, and Myrtle Beach, SC. Our 10,000 square foot gallery exhibits art by regional and local artists of virtually all genres including oil and water color paintings, charcoal, acrylics, photography, hand blown glass, woven fiber art, pottery, turned wood, metalwork's, intarsia, artisan-crafted-jewelry, and other fine art and collectables.

The gallery also feature community programs, art and pottery classes, and custom on-site framing.

For further information check our NC Commercial Gallery listings, call the gallery at 910/575-5999 or visit (www.sunsetrivermarketplace.com).

Sunset River Marketplace also has a Facebook page and posts daily updates about new art, programs and events.

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