

WEST FRASER
b. 1955, American

West Fraser was born in Savannah, GA in 1955. He is a true “*Son of The Low Country*”, with deep roots in South Carolina and Georgia coastal colonial plantation history dating back to 1696. He came of age on Hilton Head Island where he developed his love of



the coastal environs that still today provides inspiration. One of the leading American artists in the representational and *plein air* tradition, he has built his career on richly painted, atmospheric vistas of cities, coasts, and the landscape throughout the United States and internationally - from the pristine Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia, to the hill towns of Tuscany. An inveterate traveler, he has painted throughout the Caribbean, Central America, Europe and Scandinavia. Yet his passion always draws him back to the marshes and landscape of his beloved Georgia and South Carolina Coast.

West Fraser has been honored with nine solo museum exhibitions in the Midwest, the Southeast, and California. His most recent museum exhibition, *Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser*, is currently on view at the Gibbes Museum in Charleston, South Carolina from January 28 – April 30, 2017. Fraser’s paintings have also been included in many juried museum exhibitions nationwide. During the past 35 years, Fraser has been published extensively, including features in *Art and Antiques*, *Plein Air Magazine*, *The Robb Report*, *Charleston Magazine*, *Garden and Gun*, *Sandlapper Magazine*, *SC Wildlife Magazine*, *Southern Living*, *Southern Accents*, *American Artist*, *Nautical Quarterly*, *Southwest Art*, *US Air Ways*, *Fine Art Connoisseur* and *American Art Collector* to name a few. Exhibition catalogs and books exists of his work from solo museum exhibitions, *The Color of Light*, 1995 Springfield

Museum of Art, OH and *A Native Son*, 2012 Telfair Museum of Art, Savannah, GA. In 2000, he represented South Carolina in the bicentennial celebration calendar published by the White House Historic Association. In 2006, Fraser painted the official portrait of SC Governor, Mark Sanford. In 2001, the University of South Carolina Press published the monograph *Charleston in My Time: The Paintings of West Fraser*, which was accompanied by a traveling exhibition to Southeastern museums. In 2016, the University of South Carolina Press published the monograph *Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser*, which is accompanied by a Google Map to locate the exact coordinates of each painting. The first edition sold out in six months landing the book on the publisher's "Best Seller List" for 2016.

For the past 10 years, Mr. Fraser has been an elected member of the prestigious Salmagundi Club, a Signature member of PAPA (Plein Air Painters of America) and an artist member of the California Art Club. He was Commissioner of the South Carolina Art's Commission from 2003 – 2012. He garnered his first award in 1984, The John Young Hunter Award from Allied Artists of America in NYC. Since then he has been honored with the Award of Excellence from Mystic International, The Mary S. Litt Award from The American Watercolor Society, the Pursuit of Excellence/American Master award from the Hubbard Museum of Art, NM & recently the Edgar Payne Gold Medal from the CA Art Club's 100th Gold Medal Exhibition, CA. Fraser's work hangs in permanent collections of 9 museums across the United States and Bermuda & as well, is in the permanent collection at The White House Historical Association.

"...West Fraser paints with light—the radiance of early morning, the glare of high noon, the glow of day's end and the mystery of moonlight—to create brilliant works of color and form. He takes what we see everyday, something that seems ordinary, and makes it worthy of fine art." -Jean Stern, Executive Director, The Irvine Museum, Irvine, CA.

Select Private, Corporate & Institutional and Museum Collections

Select Private Collections

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Albert	Bedford, NY & Charleston, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bennett	Charleston, S.C.
Mrs. Spotswood Box	Debordieu Colony, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Cato	Charlotte, NC & Charleston, S.C.
Mrs. E.B. Chase	Twickingham Plantation, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cooper	San Marco, FL.
Mr. and Mrs. Berry Edwards	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Eschner Collection	Bakersfield, CA.
Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Evans	Charlotte, N.C.
Ms. Gogo Ferguson	Cumberland Island, GA.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fudge	Boston, MA.
Ms. Yvonne Goolagong	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Mr. Hans Hartman & The Baroness Braunerhjelm Collection	Stockholm, Sweden
Mr. Steve Heyer	New York, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hill	Wadmalaw, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Higdon Collection	Connecticut
Mrs. Martha Ingram	Nashville, TN.
Mr. Robert Jetmundsen Collection	Atlanta, GA.
Mr. Billy Joel	New York, N.Y.
Mr. Bill Jones, III	Sea Island, GA.
The Susu & George Dean Johnson Collection of Southern Art	Spartanburg, S.C.
Mrs. Patricia Fox Collection	Easton, MD.
Ambassador and Mrs. Phillip Lader	Charleston, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Per Lofberg	S. Dartmouth, MA.
Mr. Leonard Long Collection	Charleston, S.C.
The Honorable and Mrs. Robert E. McNair	South Carolina
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monk, Jr.	Palm Beach, FL.
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Muma	Belle Air, FL.

Select Private Collections Continued...

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Pingree	Bray's Island Plantation, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Porter	Wellesley, MA.
Mr. and Mrs. Jude Reyes	Chicago, IL.
Mr. John Rivers Collection	Charleston, S.C.
Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Royall	Charleston, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Schwab	Charlotte, N.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shafer Collection	Mentor, OH.
The Honorable and Mrs. Hulett C. Smith	Beckley, W.V.

Ms. Joan Irvine Smith Collection	Irvine, CA.
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Smith	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Jean Stern Collection	Irvine, CA.
Mr. Steven B. Tanger	New York, N.Y.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vickers Collection	Jacksonville, FL.
General and Mrs. William Childs Westmoreland	Charleston, S.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Ron White	Suwanee, GA.
Dr. Louis Wright Collection	Charleston, S.C.

Corporate and Institutional Collections

Amelia Island Plantation Company	Florida
AM South Bank	Birmingham, AL.
Anson's Restaurant	Charleston, S.C.
Arizona Bank	Arizona
Bald Head Island Company	North Carolina
Bank of America	Georgia, North & South Carolina
Bower and Knight Yachts	California
Bray's Island Plantation Collection	South Carolina
Callawassee Plantation	South Carolina
Carolina First Bank	South Carolina
Carolinas Restaurant	Charleston, S.C.
Casa Corcovado	Costa Rica
Cousteau Society	Virginia
Disney Corp.	Florida
Evergreen Lines	Taipei, Taiwan
Fenco	New Jersey
Fraser Yachts	San Diego, California

Corporate and Institutional Collections Continued...

Heritage Classic Foundation	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
Long Cove Golf Club	Hilton Head Island, S.C.
MBNA	Maine
Montage Hotels & Resorts	Palmetto Bluff, S.C.
OOCL	Taipei, Taiwan
Palmer and Cay	Georgia
Palmetto Bluff /Montage	South Carolina
Piggly Wiggly Corporation	South Carolina
Professional Mortgage Company Collection	South Carolina
Roper Foundation	South Carolina

Sea Island Company/ <i>The Cloister</i>	Sea Island, GA.
Sea Pines Plantation Company	South Carolina
South Carolina National Bank	South Carolina
Spring Island Plantation Company Collection	South Carolina
The Signal Companies	South Carolina
The State of South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
The White House, Historic Foundation	Washington, D.C.
Thompson Industries	New York, N.Y.
US Department of State, US Embassy	Ottawa, Canada
Bennett Hotel	Charleston, SC

Permanent Museum Collections

Gibbes Museum of Art	Charleston, S.C.
Greenville Country Museum of Art	Greenville, S.C.
Laguna Art Museum	Laguna, CA.
Masterworks Museum Collection	Hamilton, Bermuda
Midway Museum	Midway, GA.
Mission, San Juan Capistrano Museum	California
Morris Museum of Art	Augusta, GA.
South Carolina State Museum	Columbia, SC
Springfield Museum of Art	Springfield, OH.
Telfair Museum of Art	Savannah, GA.

One-Man Museum Exhibitions

Jan – April 2017	Gibbes Museum of Art Charleston, SC	<i>Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser</i>
Feb - May 2012	Telfair Museum of Art Savannah, GA.	<i>A Native Son: Paintings by West Fraser</i>
March–May 2011	Spartanburg Museum of Art Spartanburg, S.C.	<i>West Fraser: A Southern Perspective</i>
April – June 2007	Bakersfield Museum of Art Bakersfield, CA.	<i>As I See it, Paintings by West Fraser</i>
April – June 2002	Greenville County Museum of Art Greenville, S.C.	<i>Charleston in My Time, Paintings of West Fraser</i>
June – Sept. 2002	Gibbes Museum of Art Charleston, S.C.	<i>Charleston in My Time, Paintings of West Fraser</i>
Oct. 02 – Jan. 2003	Morris Museum of Art Augusta, GA.	<i>Charleston in My Time, Paintings of West Fraser</i>

Sept. – Oct. 1995	Springfield Museum of Art Springfield, OH.	<i>The Color of Light</i> Painting of West Fraser
Nov. 1986 - Jan 1987	Gibbes Museum of Art Charleston, S.C.	Coastal Watercolors by West Fraser

Group Museum Exhibitions

Art in the Embassies Program Tanzania	Switzerland, Ottawa, Canada &
Bakersfield Museum of Art	Bakersfield, CA.
Booth Western Art Museum	Cartersville, GA.
Clinton Library	Little Rock, AR.
Cape Cod Museum of Art	Cape Cod, MA.
George H. Bush Library	College Station, TX.
Gerald R. Ford	Grand Rapids, MI.
Gibbes Museum of Art	Charleston, S.C.
Greenville County Museum of Art	Greenville, S.C.
Haggin Museum	Stockton, CA.
The Hubbard Museum of the American West	Ruidoso Downs, N.M.
Huntsville Museum of Art	Huntsville, AL.
The Irvine Museum of Art	Irvine, CA.
The Johnson Library	Austin, TX.
Laguna Art Museum	Laguna, CA.
Mariner's Museum	Newport News, VA.
Masterworks Museum Collection	Hamilton Bermuda
Michele & Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Art	Springfield, MA.
Minnesota Maritime Museum	Alexandria, MN.
Morris Museum of Art	Augusta, GA.
Museum of the Southwest	Midland, TX.
Mystic Seaport	Mystic, CT.
The Nixon Library	Yorba Linda, CA.
The Ottawa Art Gallery	Ottawa, Canada
Pasadena Museum of California Art	Pasadena, CA.
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center	Speigel Grove, Fairmont, CA.
Salmagundi Club	New York City, N.Y.
South Carolina State Museum	Columbia, S.C.
Springfield Museum of Art	Springfield, OH.
Tweed Museum of Art	Duluth, MN.

Washakie Museum
White House Historical Association
Wisconsin Maritime Museum

Worland, WY.
Washington, D.C.
Manitowoc, WI.

Select Commissioned Portraits

PGA Heritage Classic Foundation,
1988 - 2016 Winners
The Honorable Mark Sanford
Ethel Jane Bunting
Gogo Ferguson
Mr. Phil Lader
Jim Ferree

Hilton Head Island, S.C.
South Carolina Governor
Charleston, S.C.
Cumberland Island, GA.
Ambassador to the Court of St. James
Hilton Head, S.C.

Memberships:

California Arts Club (CAC)
Salmagundi Club
Commissioner – South Carolina Art's Commission (2003-2012)

Annual Portrait Painter of the Winner of the PGA Heritage Classic Foundation

Hilton Head Island, S.C.

1988 Winner - Greg Norman
1989 Winner - Payne Stewart
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1991 Winner - Davis Love III
1992 Winner - David Edwards
1993 Winner - Hale Irwin
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1995 Winner – Bob Tway
1996 Winner – Loren Roberts
1997 Winner – Nick Price
1998 Winner – Davis Love III
1999 Winner – Glen Day
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2005 Winner - Justin Leonard
2006 Winner – Aaron Baddeley
2007 Winner - Boo Weekley
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2009 Winner – Brian Gay
2010 Winner – Jim Furyk
2011 Winner – Brant Snedekar
2012 Winner - Carl Pettersson
2013 Winner - Graeme McDowell

*Annual Portrait Painter of the Winner of the PGA Heritage Classic
Foundation, Continued
Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

2014 Winner – Matt Kuchar
2015 Winner – Jim Furyk
2016 Winner – Brandon Grace
2017 Winner – Wesley Bryan
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