



International Realism

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- Over a thousand stunning traditional artworks, from the forefront of the 21st Century Realist Art Movement
- Presents the winners and finalists of the 13th International ARC Salon Competition
- Artist contributors from across the globe compete in a range of genres, from 'Imaginative Realism' to 'Plein air' and 'Portraiture'

With determination to restore the universal language of realism in the visual arts, a group of fine artists and experts banded together to celebrate and propagate Contemporary Realism. They founded the Art Renewal Center in 1999. Since their genesis, this non-profit educational foundation has dedicated itself to encouraging rigorous skill-based training in the methods of the Old Masters, bestowing the title of 'ARC Approved' on ateliers who share their core values and demonstrate technical mastery. The International ARC Salon Competition is the largest and most prestigious for realist based art in the USA, arguably the world, receiving this year over 3,750 entries from 69 countries. This year's winners demonstrate the great breadth and originality that can be found in all facets of fine art. Categories include: Figurative, Portraiture, Imaginative Realism, Landscape, Animals, Sculpture, Drawing, Still Life, Plein Air and the Da Vinci Initiative Award for the Young Aspiring Artist.

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