

Artist Statement

Mythology offers me a chance to express visually the opposing forces of good and evil and fear and hope that humanity is all about.

Short Bio

Artist Donald Axleroad draws inspiration from Greek mythology to make connections between the ancient and modern worlds.

Axleroad has received numerous awards from prestigious organizations including The Salmagundi Club, NY, The National Arts Club of NY, The Allied Artist of America, as well as top prizes in many Fairfield County art associations. He has exhibited in major museums on the east coast and in a UN sponsored traveling exhibit of 100 American printmakers. A graduate of Pratt Institute, he has studied with Philip Guston, Richard Linder and Antonio Frasconi.

In addition to pursuing his artistic career, Axleroad has reached out to help dozens of others move forward in their lives. He has sponsored outreach events to educate the public about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Axleroad is also the founder and Executive Director of the ARI Artist's Initiative of Stamford which teaches developmentally disabled adults to draw and paint.

Select Recent Exhibitions

2009

60th Annual Art of the Northeast
Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT

Spring Juried Show
Kent Art Association, Kent, CT
*Award of Excellence

What Does it Mean to Be Human?
Printmaking Council of New Jersey travelling to Johannesburg, South Africa

2008

The Minotaur Story
New Canaan Library, New Canaan, CT (**solo**)

Ancient Myths, Modern Messages
Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT (**solo**)

Audobon Artists Exhibition
Salmagundi Club, New York, NY
*Silver Medal of Honor in Graphics

93rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition
New Rochelle Art Association, New Rochelle, NY
*First Prize in Graphics

Spectrum

Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT

*Prize in Drawing & Graphics

59th Annual Art of the Northeast

Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT

2008 President's Show

Kent Art Association, Kent, NJ

*Ridgewood Award for Excellence in Any Media

Drawings, Prints, Pastels, Mixed Media, Computer Art

Rowayton Art Center, Rowayton, CT

*Joma Award

Annual Exhibition

New Rochelle Art Association, New Rochelle, NY

*Best in Show Award

2007

Invitational Three-Person Show

Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Branchburg, NJ

92nd Annual Open Juried Exhibition

New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

*1st Prize, Graphics

*2nd Prize, Mixed Media

30th Annual Juried Exhibition

Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT

Drawing & Pastel Exhibition

Rowayton Arts Center, Rowayton, CT

*Best in Show

Annual Graphics & Sculpture Exhibition

Salmagundi Club, New York, NY

*Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Work

Portrait Show

Rowayton Arts Center, Rowayton, CT

*1st Prize in Graphics & Drawing

The Allegory of Myth and the Modern Mess

Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT (**solo**)

Art Society of Old Greenwich Open Juried Show

Bendheim Gallery, Greenwich, CT

*1st Prize, Other Media

Spring Show

Gertrude White Gallery, YWCA, Greenwich, CT

*2nd Prize

Community Awards Show

Rowayton Arts Center, Rowayton, CT

*3rd Prize

2006

91st Annual Open Juried Exhibition

New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY

*1st Prize, Graphics

Annual Juried Exhibition

Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Branchburg, NJ

*Awarded participation in 3-man exhibition

Allied Artists of America Exhibition

National Arts Club Gallery, New York, NY

*The Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts Graphic Award

2005

The Print Show

Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD

*Honorable Mention

Annual Non-Members Juried Exhibition

Salmagundi Club, New York, NY

*Katlan Family Seascape Award for Painting, Graphics or Sculpture

Spring Show

Kent Art Association, Kent CT

*Award for Excellence

19th International Juried Show

New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ

*Merit Award

2004

Allied Artists of America Exhibition

National Arts Club Gallery, New York, NY

*The Allied Artists of America Silver Medal of Honor

55th Annual Art of the Northeast Exhibition

Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT

*The Micunis & Kobrin Award

Autumn in America: National Juried Exhibition

State of the Art Gallery, Ithaca, NY

*2 Honorable Mention Awards, Printmaking