

### **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