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Sara Sawyer Bodlak

STUDIO ARTIST
based in Windham County, CT.

Studied at The Art Institute of Chicago and earned her Masters with an Emphasis in Painting and Drawing from Illinois State University.

Born not far from *The Art Institute of Chicago*, Sara remembers the intense impression the place made on her when she was young. She accompanied her artist father, Frank Sawyer, to his monthly drawing sessions there. From that point on, a pad of paper and a pencil was all her parents would have to provide to entertain her.

"This taught me the pleasure of losing myself in a visual world of my own imagining. Now, in my studio, I am enjoying doing portraits and local subjects like the Frog Bridge of Windham in personally expressive ways," Sara says. *"Art has always been my refuge and my joy."*

She remembers with great nostalgia and pride the time during the decade of the 1980's when she and her husband and daughters, Heather and Mara, lived in Spain. As a family, they were able to live and breathe art. Sara and David loved their life as professional artists exhibiting successfully in many cities in Spain.

Sara often reflects, *"It is gratifying to know that many of my drawings and paintings have found good homes within collections in Spain, the U.S.A., and other parts of the world."*



Portraits in oil on canvas as well as portrait drawings and sketches in charcoal and conte crayon.

Sara's Studio

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▲ Documentary Drawing

Study ▶
in Oil



Personal Statement:

“All my works show my fascination with lights and shadows as they affect forms and colors; and as they dramatize, as in my portraits for example, very personal attitudes of men and women in moments of intensity and concentration.



In my drawings, I work rapidly, hardly able to stop until they are complete. In the finished drawings, I hope to leave a strong impression of spontaneity and vitality.

In my paintings, I work slowly, concentrating on the impact of the expressive force of light and color, surrounding the subject with an atmosphere which is personal and harmonious.

In my art, I search for an essence of the world I see.”

~ Sara Sawyer Bodlak

▼ Portrait in Oil



▲ Charcoal and Pastel



▲ Portrait, Charcoal



▲ Portrait, Charcoal and Conté



▲ Portrait, Charcoal



▲ Portrait, Acrylic on Canvas



▲ Portrait, Oil on Canvas



▲ Portrait, Charcoal and Conté

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