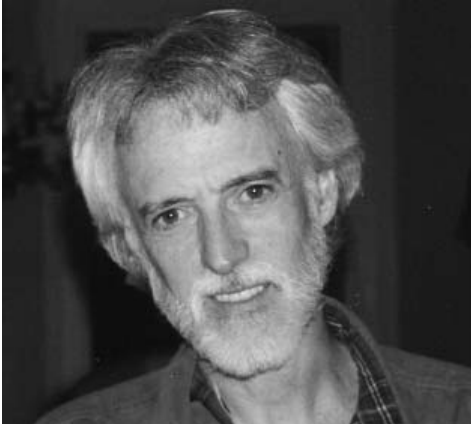


Michael O'Rourke



Michael O'Rourke has been exhibiting his digitally generated artwork worldwide since the early 1980's, and is considered one of the pioneers of digital art. Exhibition venues include the Kennedy Center for the Arts (Wash. D.C), the Musee d'Art Moderne (Paris), the Isetan Museum (Tokyo), the Hong Gah Museum (Taipei), Laumont Editions (NY,NY), the National Academy of Sciences (Wash. D.C), and many others. His artwork has encompassed sculpture, drawing, animation, printmaking, and murals, all combining contemporary digital and traditional techniques.

Since 1999, his work has focused on large-scale murals, as seen in this exhibit. These murals attempt to capture the richness and complexity of human life - the mix of peoples, our work lives, our quiet moments, the bustle of the city, the calm of Nature, our place in the enormity of space. They also comment on our contemporary visual culture; the recurring rectangular images echo the rectangular screens of our TVs, cinema, and computer screens. The tiled fabrication technique re-echoes these, and at the same time references the computer pixels that underlie our digital imagery.

All of the murals have been designed so they can be exhibited either in their full, multimedia version, which combines static imagery, real-time video, pre-recorded video, and pre-recorded sound, or without multimedia in a static-imagery-only version.

The murals exhibited here are fabricated of lightweight materials suitable for temporary installations. They can also be fabricated of permanent materials. For a permanent indoor installation, they can be fabricated of ceramic tiles. (See the sample next to the New York #2 mural.) For a permanent, weather-proof installation, either outdoor or indoor, they can be fabricated of enameled steel panels.

Mr. O'Rourke is also a teacher. He is a Professor at Pratt Institute, in New York City, and is the author of numerous articles and two books. His prior teaching experience includes teaching Kindergarten, teaching French, and teaching English as a foreign language in Birkin-Faso, W. Africa.

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