

## Hodges Soileau OPA

Hodges had a successful illustration career which lasted twenty five years. His art graced the covers of more than three hundred book covers. He worked for most of the major publishing houses in New York. Hodges was a twenty three year member of the prestigious Society of Illustrators in New York. During this time, he received many citations of merit for work exhibited in annual shows. He was selected to do the painting for the twenty ninth calls for entries, and chaired the 35th Annual Exhibition.

After years of executing ideas and concepts of others, he now paints subjects that are of personal interest. He was a finalist in the 2001 and 2002 Artists Magazine Competition. He received an award of excellence in the 2004 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition. He received an award of excellence in the 2006 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, and received a 2007 Certificate of excellence award in the International Portrait Competition hosted by the Portrait Society of America. Hodges was awarded **Signature membership status by Oil Painters of America in December 2008**. He also won first place in the category, Portraits of Women, in the Members showcase of the Portrait Society of America 2009. 2011 and 2012, he was awarded first place in Members showcase Portrait Society of America. He is a **Signature Member of the American Society of Marine Artists** awarded 2010. He is also a member of **The Portrait Society of America**.

His work hangs in private collections as well as the United States Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard permanent collections. The permanent collection of Golf Digest Magazine includes several of his paintings.

### Education

Bachelor of Arts, University of Southwestern Louisiana

### Artist Statement

As an artist, I try to paint as honestly as I can. I believe in practicing the sound principals of painting that I have learned and currently teach, but I also believe that an artist should strive for something more than just the technical skill in their work. There is a feeling, or reaction, that one gets when standing in front of a painting or a piece of art. Sometimes, it's not an easy thing to describe. It might be the sense of place in a landscape, the light on the subject, or a fleeting expression in a portrait. This is the kind of reaction that one hopes is communicated in his or her painting. The best scenario is when the technical and the emotional aspects of painting are inseparable.

### Organizations

**Oil Painters of America-Signature Member-awarded 2008**  
**American Society of Marine Artist- Signature Member-awarded 2010**  
**Portrait Society of America**  
**Plein Air Painters of the Southeast (PAP-SE)**

## Selected Honors and Shows

2016 Selected Artist of the Month for October 2016, by **Artmatch4U**.

2016 Oil Painters of America 25<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition, Southwest Gallery, Dallas, Tx

2016 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition, Eisele Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio

2015 Oil Painters of America 24<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition, Cutter and Cutter Fine Art, St. Augustine, Fl.....**Best Signature Award of Excellence.**

2015 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional, Eckert and Ross Fine Art, Indianapolis, Ind.

2014 Oil Painters of America 23<sup>rd</sup> National Exhibition, Bennington Center for the Arts.....

2014 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition, Eisele Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio.....**Award of Excellence.**

2012 Oil Painters of America 21<sup>st</sup> National Exhibition, Evergreen Fine Art., Evergreen, Co.

2012 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional, Bennington Center for the Arts.

2011 Oil Painters of America Fall online showcase.....**First Place Award**

2011 Oil Painters of America 18<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition.

2011 Scottsdale Salon, Legacy Gallery, Scottsdale Arizona.

2011 Salon International , Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio Tx.

2011 PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA, Members Showcase competition, (**First Place**, Landscape with Figure Category, **Honorable Mention**, category/non commissioned Portrait.

**2010 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXHIBITION**, Legacy Gallery, Scottsdale, Az.

**2010 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA EASTERN REGIONAL EXHIBITION**, Walls Fine Art, Wilmington, North Carolina

**2010 AWARDED SIGNATURE MEMBER STATUS FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MARINE ARTIST**

2009 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXHIBITION, Sage Creek Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2009 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA EASTERN REGIONAL EXHIBITION, Corse Gallery, Jacksonville, Fl.

2009 PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA, Member Showcase competition, (**First Place**, category/women, **Honorable Mention**, category/head and shoulders.

2009 PAINT PARADISE, Venice art center (**First Place Award**)

**2008 AWARDED SIGNATURE MEMBER STATUS FROM THE OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA**

2008 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA EASTERN REGIONAL EXHIBITION, Richland Fine Art, Nashville, Tennessee.

2008 THREE PERSON SHOW, Elder Gallery, Charlotte, North Carolina.

2008 STREAMS OF LIFE ,( Whistle Pik Gallery)

2008 PAINT PARADISE, Venice art center (**Merit award**)

2008 PAINT THE TOWN, St. Petersburg, Fl. (**Third Place award**)

2008 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL ART EXHIBIT, Charlotte County Art Guild

2007 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Galleries).

2007 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA EASTERN REGIONAL EXHIBITION, Naples, Fl. ( Weatherburn Gallery )

2007 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW, ( Whistle Pik Gallery )

2007 INTERNATIONAL PORTRAIT COMPETITION, Portrait Society of America, (**Certificate of Excellence Award**)

2007 BOCA GRANDE NATIONAL EXHIBITION, Boca Grande Art Alliance, Boca Grande, Fl.

2007 MEMBERS SPRING EXHIBITION, Venice Art Center

2007 OF THE SEA, Cavalier Gallery – Greenwich, Ct.

2007 FACE AND FIGURE EXHIBITION (**Second Place Award**) Venice Art Center.

2006 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery).

2006 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA REGIONAL EXHIBITION (Brazier fine Art).

2006 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXHIBITION (**Award of Excellence**) Dana Gallery- Missoula, Mt.

2006 PAINT PARADISE, VENICE ART CENTER (**Best in Show Award**)

2006 PAINT THE TOWN Alla Prima Fine Art-St Petersburg, Fl.

2006 FIGURES EXHIBITION, WATERHOUSE GALLERY, (Santa Barbara, Ca)

2006 MEMBERS SPRING EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER

2006 FACE AND FIGURE EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER (**Second PlaceAward**)

2005 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery)

2005 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL EXHIBITION (Hilligoss Gallery)

2005 PAINT THE TOWN Alla Prima Fine Art-St. Petersburg, FL (**Award of Excellence**)

2005 FIGURATIVE WORKS (Cavalier Gallery-NYC Gallery)

2005 CONTEMPORARY MARINE AND MARITIME PAINTINGS (Cavalier Gallery)

2005 MEMBERS SPRING EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER (**third place**)

2004 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery)

2004 BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU HOLIDAY SHOW (Marquette Gallery)

2004 MEMBERS AUTUM EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER (**First place award**)

2004 FLORIDA LANDSCAPES (Two Person Exhibition-Lemon Tree Gallery)

2004 OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA EASTERN REGIONAL (**award of excellence**)

2004 FACE AND FIGURE EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER(**Best in show**)

2004 SPRING EXHIBITION, VENICE ART CENTER (**Best in show**)

2004 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW(Whistle Pik Gallery)

2003 IMAGES OF NEW YORK CITY (Cavalier Gallery)

2003 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery)

2002 ARTIST MAGAZINE COMPETITION ( **FINALIST**)

2002 NANTUCKET SUMMER SHOW (Cavalier Galleries)

2001 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery)

2001 ARTIST MAGAZINE COMPETITION (**FINALIST**)

2000 INVITATIONAL MINIATURE SHOW (Whistle Pik Gallery)

2000 TWO PERSON SHOW (Ziegenfuss Gallery) Sarasota, Fl.

1997 TARPON SPRINGS ART ASSOCIATION (First place award for oils)

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