

# Mark Patnode

## Biography



Mark Patnode received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Purchase College and is a Fellow of the Urban Artists Initiative (UAI) Hartford, CT, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA), in partnership with the Institute for Community Research. Mark is a recipient of numerous Fellowships & Residencies and Grants, including two all-inclusive COA awards to Vermont Studio Center where he worked with David Kapp, William Beckman, Michael Gitlin, Carol Robb. Mark has received two all-inclusive Residencies to I-Park Artists Enclave. A *Silver Rose* recipient from Bulgaria's Preeminent Poet, Lyubomir Levchev, Mark was sponsored by the Griffis & Orpheus Foundations for a summer 2006 Artist Residency at the Sharon House in the village of Polkovnik Serafimovo, Smolyan, Bulgaria.

Mark's work has been featured in numerous galleries and museums, including the Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan College, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, four Faber Birren National Color Award Shows, Stamford Art Association, CT, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT, Neuberger Museum, Purchase, NY, Slater Memorial Museum, Norwich, CT, National Palace of Culture, Bulgaria. He has been interviewed by American, African, Bulgarian, Cape Verde, Portuguese press. His work is published on the cover of the January 2015 edition of Ink Magazine, with an accompanying article. He is published in the 2008 Orpheus Art Album *Ford / Brod*, St. Kliment Ohridski University Press, Lyubomir Levchev, Editor. Mark received publicity in the January 2003 edition of American Artist magazine for his large-scale paintings project of urban New London, done through a UAI grant.

Juried into the COA Teaching Artist Directory, a reflection of excellence in both artistry and teaching, Mark conducts Teacher Artist Collaborations (TACs) through COA Arts in Education Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools. Mark is a Presenter for HOT Schools Summer Institute, Best Practices in Teaching Artist residencies and professional development at many levels. Mark was the 2007 & 2008 USA Professional Visual Artist Instructor for Capital Region Education Council - Center for Creative Youth - Cape Verde Visual Arts Program.

Mark was selected by Senator Joseph Lieberman as Connecticut's Designated Artist for the 2008 White House Christmas Tree. Mark's work was displayed in Senator Lieberman's Washington, D.C. office as part of COA Art in Public Spaces Program (2006 – 2012). By invitation of COA Directors and CT Governor Rell's Office, Mark was selected by Governor M. Jodi Rell to create a painting of the Charter Oak for Connecticut's 375th Anniversary. The painting resides in the Governor's Residence Conservancy. Mark represented COA HOT Schools at the National Mall, Washington, DC in 2010.

Listed in Who's Who in American Art, Mark is an Elected Member of The Salmagundi Club, Invited Member of the Bulgarian-American Creative Society, Elected Member of Mystic Arts Center, Elected Member of Norwich Arts Center, Served on the Connecticut Arts Council, Serves on the Executive Board of Directors - Purchase College Alumni Association, Inc., and is a Board Member of the New London Rotary Club.