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## Biography

Matt Brackett is a painter who uses traditional painting techniques to explore themes involving memory, wonder and menace through a contemporary lens. He paints naturalistic scenes that often suggest obscure narratives, which helps him and the viewer to unlock deep personal meaning. Brackett's subjects project mystery, gratitude and hope, and stimulate reflection and feeling inaccessible through other means.

Throughout his career, Brackett's artwork has always served as an important emotional sounding board, whether it was responding to the loss of a long-held family home, or complicated feelings of dread and gratitude related to a serious cancer diagnosis just a few years ago. More recently, he has implemented political messages in his work for the first time, and his current work combines winter landscape and historical quotes from the American canon to comment upon the icy morals of our current presidential administration.

Brackett was born in Berkeley, CA and received a Bachelor's degree in painting from Yale University in 1997 where he was the recipient of the Ethel Childe Walker Prize. His work has been shown nationally in galleries and museums, including the Danforth Museum of Art, MA; The Aqua Wynwood, FL; the Fort Mason Center for Arts and Culture, CA; The DeCordova Museum, MA; The Merchandise Mart, IL; the Brattleboro Museum, VT; Yale University Art Gallery, CT. He has also been featured in *New American Painting's* juried exhibition in print, issues #38, #56 and #80.

Brackett is the recipient of numerous awards, including grants from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the George Sugarman Foundation. He has won a Certificate of Excellence from the American Portrait Society and has held residencies at Yaddo and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

Brackett's work appears in the collection of Wellington Management in Boston, the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, MA, and numerous private collections in the U.S., India, Germany and England.