

**John Pagano**  
2014

#### Education

Worcester Public Schools  
St. Stephens High School  
School of the Worcester Art Museum 1975-1977  
Massachusetts College of Art Boston, BFA Painting 1981

Maintained an art studio in Cambridge, MA  
Represented at the Helen Schlein Gallery Boston  
Moved to the Worcester area in 1985.  
Taught art instruction children's classes at WAM 1986

Currently maintains a painting studio in  
Worcester + Paxton, Mass. John has participated  
numerous group and solo exhibitions  
in Massachusetts.  
His work is in numerous private collections.

#### Solo Shows

224 Boston Street Dorchester MA 2012  
gARThGallery at the Hadley Worcester MA 2012  
Davis Gallery Worcester MA 2013  
Sprinkler Factory Worcester MA 2013

#### Group Shows

Summers Lease ArtsWorcester 2010  
Big Little Show ArtsWorcester 2010  
Hangin' on the Wall ArtsWorcester 2010  
Defying Genre Group Show ArtsWorcester 2011  
ArtsWorcester 'Art on the Line' Donor 2011, 2012 2013.  
Creatures Real and Imagined ArtsWorcester 2013  
- painting selected for exhibition at Fitchburg Art Museum (Summer 2014)  
Fitchburg 78th Regional Arts and Crafts Show 2013  
- awarded the Sarra Parker Painting Award for Painting

#### **Member of The DeCordova Museum Corporate Lending Program**

#### **Artist Statement**

"Mark making, color, the subconscious and the physical act of applying paint is central to my art work. I want to confront the viewer with a visual challenge, large or small, a dare to question themselves and what they are seeing, and give them an opportunity to bring themselves into the picture . . . color, speed, temperature and spirit are always at the forefront of my art making. My more recent work moves in the gap of abstraction and representation. I enjoy playing within the boundaries of imagery, that gap between what is realistic and what is abstracted. As a painter I work intuitively . I rarely doubt the direction a picture takes as I am working on it. I have learned to trust that the painting will unquestionably reveal its direction, it is always a self portrait."

#### **Quoted**

Nick Capasso, Director of the Fitchburg Art Museum states, "John Pagano is an immensely accomplished painter who extends important traditions of abstract painting into the 21st century. With roots in the work of Gorky, deKooning, and Twombly, he creates lyrical and colorful images that suggest subtle and ineffable mental states."

Juliet Feibel, Executive Director of ArtsWorcester says "John has an unusual bravery with his materials, and is willing to inhabit sometimes uncomfortable spaces between the figurative and the abstract. His solo exhibit through ArtsWorcester in 2012 was the highlight of our year."