

Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, SC, Features Works by West Fraser

The Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston, SC, is presenting *Painting the Southern Coast: The Art of West Fraser*, on view through Apr. 30, 2017.

The exhibition features approximately 25 paintings from renowned Southern artist West Fraser. The exhibition, drawn from public and private collections throughout the country, will be accompanied by several studies displayed alongside Fraser's finished works, offering insight into his unique working process.

"The Gibbes is honored to host this special exhibition of West Fraser's work," said Pam Wall, Curator of Exhibitions at the Gibbes. "His paintings masterfully capture the most elusive and intriguing elements of the Lowcountry, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to share it with our visitors."



"Easy Lady", 2013, by West Fraser (American, b. 1955); oil on linen; 30 x 36 inches; Courtesy of John H. Breedlove

A leading American artist in the representational and plein air tradition, Fraser has built his career on richly painted, atmospheric vistas of cities, coasts, and the landscape throughout the US and internationally — from the pristine Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia to the hill towns on Tuscany. While he



"Jaywalker", 2009, by West Fraser (American, b. 1955); oil on linen; 24 x 30 inches; Courtesy of Helena Fox Fine Art

has painted throughout the Caribbean, Central America, Europe and Scandinavia, Fraser's passion always draws him back to the marshes and landscape of the Georgia and South Carolina coasts.

Home to the Carolina Art Association, established in 1858, the Gibbes Museum of Art is recognized among the oldest arts organizations in the United States. Housing one of the foremost collections of American Art from the 18th century to the present, the museum's mission is to enhance lives through art by engaging people of every background and experience with art and artists of enduring quality and by providing opportunities to learn, to discover, to enjoy, and to be inspired by the creative process.

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