

PHILLIPS' MILL NAMES ROBERT BECK HONORED ARTIST FOR ITS 88TH JURIED ART EXHIBITION

The 88th Annual Phillips' Mill Juried Art Exhibition Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the selection of artist Robert Beck as this year's Honored Artist.

Beck's relationship with the exhibition is a long one, with his paintings having been accepted 17 times in the past 22 years. These have included landscape paintings, nocturnes, seascapes, interiors, paintings including animals and a portrait. Beck says "I have always submitted what I considered to be my best available painting to Phillips' Mill each year. Often that meant it wouldn't be in my own annual exhibition on opening weekend. The Phillips' Mill show is that important".

Robert Beck moved to Bucks County at the age of 13 and has lived here ever since. He attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia and maintains a gallery of his work in Lambertville, NJ. Mr. Beck's paintings have been the subject of three in-depth museum exhibitions: The James A. Michener Art Museum, the City of Trenton Museum at Ellarslie and the Maine Maritime Museum. His paintings have been included in a number of invitational exhibitions and his work has also been presented in 30 solo gallery exhibitions and accepted into more than 50 juried exhibitions.

Beck has received 29 significant painting awards, was a finalist for the Pew Fellowship in 2000 and in 2014 was awarded the PSC Medal for "Excellence and Contribution to the Arts" by the Philadelphia Sketch Club, the oldest arts club in America.

Beck is known for painting in series, multiple images addressing diverse aspects of the same subject. These "visual essays" have been created while traveling the Mississippi River on a towboat, amidst a symphony orchestra during its performances, with a racing team in Europe, traveling with doctors in Senegal and depicting life in the Maine Maritime community. Although his subjects vary, the common thread is the description of his encounter, concentrating on events, occupations and environments. Beck's paintings are indeed a chronicle of our time.

Robert Beck is a teacher, a curator, a lecturer and a writer. He has hosted a radio interview program and his column on art related experiences has appeared monthly in ICON Magazine for more than a decade.

In conjunction with the 88th Annual Phillips' Mill Art Exhibition, Honored Artist Robert Beck will give a presentation about his paintings that have been accepted into the show over the years. Beck will examine the background stories and techniques involved in some of the 17 images exhibited. The talk will take place October 5 at the Gallery of Robert Beck in Lambertville with doors opening at 6:30 and the lecture beginning at 7PM.

To make a reservation email robert@robertbeck.net using Lecture in the subject line. Include number in party and a phone number.

The 88th Phillips' Mill Annual Juried Art Exhibition will open its doors on September 23 and run through October 29, 2017. The show is open daily from 1-5PM. Adults-\$5 Seniors-\$4 Students- \$2. The Exhibition is held at the Historic Phillips Mill, 2619 River Rd. 1 ½ miles north of New Hope, PA. For information call 215-862-0582 during gallery hours or visit www.phillipsmill.org