

ANDY BRAITMAN

Andy Braitman is an artist of national stature; His work has been exhibited in Santa Fe, Chicago, Atlanta, Millburn, N.J., Washington, D.C., Charlotte, and internationally in both Holland and Brazil. In 1987, Andy was chosen by Nancy Reagan as one of “*America’s Leading Artists*”, and along with other notable artists (Frank Stella, Andrew Wyeth, Charles Schultz) was honored to contribute a decorated Easter Egg to the White House. This egg is now on display in the Smithsonian Institute.

Andy was born in Casper, Wyoming and grew up in Maryland where he attended the University of Maryland. It was there that he discovered a true passion for art, painting and drawing in particular. He was awarded the Warton Award Grant for the Outstanding Senior Artist. Andy was a Visiting Artist for Prince Georges’ County Maryland for two years and in the 1980s, was a Visiting Artist in North Carolina. Andy opened and still runs his working/teaching studio in 1996 in Charlotte, NC. He and his staff make art, teach classes, and conduct workshops both domestically and abroad. The studio plans to go to either France or Italy again in June of 2011. All the while, Andy has been painting, exhibiting, and selling his artwork. He is quoted as saying that “I am fortunate to not have had a real job since 1976”

He and his wife Carol, live in Charlotte, NC. He is the proud step-father of three adult step sons, one grandson, and will be a grandfather for the second time in February—yes another boy.