

# 21ST CENTURY REALISM BY CALIFORNIA ARTISTS

This exhibition focuses on realist paintings by California artists actively painting in the 21st Century. Art of this sort generally requires many hours to produce and sometimes even months to complete. Therefore, the artists produce them in studios and use photographic reference material.

Works in this exhibition were selected from the Mark and Janet Hilbert Collection. When collecting art, the Hilberts gravitate toward acquiring engaging paintings of California subject matter, depicting scenes one might encounter while driving through the state.

Each of the artists in this exhibition has developed a very personal and identifiable style, which on close inspection becomes evident. A few visionary paintings have been included to show how some artists have applied the realism approach to other types of representational imagery.



Above: Tony Peters, "Motel Pool Cleaners," 2013, oil on canvas board. Hilbert Museum, Gift of The Hilbert Collection.

Left: Suong Yanchareon, "Eagle Rock Winter," 2016, oil on canvas. The Hilbert Collection.

Also included are examples of Photorealism and Hyperrealism, both of which are painting approaches and ideas pioneered in California. — Gordon T. McClelland, Curator