



JOHN SEIBELS WALKER

PORTRAITURE IN THE GRAND MANNER
Capturing the present with an eye towards eternity

*Official portrait of Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor of North Carolina
Oil on Italian linen, 56 x 38 inches*



American painter, John Seibels Walker, was born in South Carolina in 1960. He received a B.A. in Studio Arts from The University of the South in 1983 and spent several years as a 19th - early 20th century art dealer before going on to train in the Classical Realist atelier of Richard Lack in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There he completed four years of apprentice study in 1991.

This unique training provided him with an opportunity to become part of one of the world's longest and most important artistic traditions – an academic approach to observing and rendering nature accurately and to crafting paintings using the same techniques as the Old Masters. This classical tradition has been passed down directly from the late 18th century, with the beginning of the French Academy, through an uninterrupted master/pupil relationship to the Boston School painters a century ago - and then on to a new generation of contemporary realist painters today.

After working with Lack, he moved to Florence Italy to study the work of Italian master painters and to teach classical drawing and painting at Charles H. Cecil Studios. Several important commissions in Britain followed before his return to America to pursue his natural predisposition for portraiture. Richard Lack noted: “His special gift for portraiture was revealed even in his initial studies in oil from the model. In his last year his portraits took on a professional quality, and he painted some of the best heads that I have seen among my students. His striking gift for portraiture will, I predict, make him one of the finest American portrait painters in the forthcoming century... John will produce work of enduring merit and will be one of the best trained painters of his generation.”

His focus on the art of portraiture has continued, and he is now regarded as one of America's premier painters of portraiture in the Grand Manner with works in numerous American, British and European collections. An ongoing love and appreciation of Italian art, culture, and landscape has led the artist to continue to work, study, and teach part of every year at his studio in Lucca, Italy. When in America, he works out of his studios in downtown Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Artist is available to travel to any location.



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The Hon. Glenn F. McConnell, Lt. Governor of South Carolina

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