

ETERNAL RECURRENCE  
SCOTT NOEL  
LARGE FIGURE COMPOSITIONS | 1982-2024

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**October 13-November 16, 2024**  
**Wayne Art Center Galleries**

Wayne Art Center is pleased to present ***Eternal Recurrence – Scott Noel – Large Figure Compositions 1982-2024***, an exhibition of oil paintings on linen in the Davenport Gallery which encompass the intersection of Noel’s experience with and passion for the history of art, the vitality of the artist’s studio life, and the rhythm of the playground and its place in Philadelphia culture in work that seeks the theatricality of Baroque paintings, mythology and the allegorical.

Additionally on view in the Vidinghoff Lobby Gallery are head studies and portraits by Noel who always works directly from life. Many of these pieces served as alla prima-like rehearsals for figures that appear in Noel’s large figure compositions in the Davenport Gallery. These works invite exhibition viewers to consider how Noel’s models become the “actors in the artist’s work.”

“We are delighted to welcome Scott Noel’s return to Wayne Art Center as an artist, curator and juror,” said Nancy Campbell, Wayne Art Center’s Executive Director. “Scott’s passion for and dedication to his life’s work is evident through the juxtaposition of art history, mythology, studio life and the rhythm of the playground as portrayed in this exhibition. Scott Noel has also thoughtfully assembled a dynamic regional juried exhibit, ***The Figure: Portraiture & Narrative***. These impressive exhibitions offer a special opportunity to celebrate the human figure and will undoubtedly kindle introspective contemplation and in-depth dialogue among viewers.”



Scott Noel, Emily with Parker Street



Scott Noel, Terrace Street Playground

Noel also serves as juror for the companion exhibition ***The Figure: Portraiture & Narrative*** on display in the Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Gallery. This juried exhibition features original artwork by regional artists in painting, drawing, sculpture and photography which explores the overlapping territories of portraiture and visual storytelling.

Noel said, "The jurying of this show was daunting. Nearly 500 images in all media were considered. Much of the work was brilliant and all honorable. I tried to capture the diversity of practice on view while remembering our theme of the mystery and variety of human stories so richly suggested by the array of specific people, painted, drawn, sculpted and photographed. I offer my gratitude to all who entered this competition."

On Sunday, October 13 Wayne Art Center hosts a reception open to the public from 3-5 pm. Noel will also present a gallery talk about his experience as juror for ***The Figure: Portraiture & Narrative*** and discuss his own work and studio practice on Saturday, November 2 at 11:30am. Noel will conduct a two-day workshop called *Figure Drawing and Painting* at Wayne Art Center on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 & 27, from 10 am to 4 pm. To enroll in this workshop, please call 610-688-3553 or register online at [www.wayneart.org](http://www.wayneart.org).

The juried exhibition and Noel's own work in ***Eternal Recurrence*** will be on view concurrently from October 13 through November 16, 2024. Noel's 2024 catalog *Scott Noel – Painting Ideas* is available for purchase at Wayne Art Center's Gallery Shop for \$10. The artist's work appears courtesy of Philadelphia's Gross McCleaf Gallery.

The following is a list of the ***The Figure: Portraiture & Narrative*** exhibiting artists:

Ellen Abraham	Nathan Durnin	Thomas Miles
Kassem Amoudi	Julia Eisen-Lester	Lorrie Minicozzi
Constance Antonio	Sarah Fantuzzo	Thomas Murray
Ann Antoshak	Johanna Foster	Noemi Nieves-Hoblin
Maria Archer	Melissa Frederick	Ernest Norcia
Beth Bathe	Michael Garrity	Brendan O'Neill
Nina Belfor	Sophie Gibson	Phil Palmieri
Patrick Bell	Nancy Granda	Steven Pearson
Barbara Berry	Stephanie Grant	Sarah Peters
Leslie Bowen	Jim Green	Claudia Rilling
Edward Butler	Gary Grissom	Kim Robbins
Gail Chapman	Nicholas Harris	Hege Robinson
Jim Conner	David Heshmatpour	Jillian Robostello
Lesa Cook	William Karaffa	Blane Sage
Charles Cooper	Melanie Landrith	Denise Sedor
Mateus Costa	Ann-Charlotte Lax-Antrim	Anne Singer
Lisa DeLoria Weinblatt	Cherie Lee	John Slivjak
Teresa DeSeve	Suzanne Loechl	Kourtney Stone
Corinne Dieterle	Rita Luginer	William Sulit
Elise Dodeles	Karen McCool	Josephine Viviani
Michael Doyle	Deanna McLaughlin	Noel Yheaulon
Laura Ducceschi	John Meehan	Harold Zabady
Morgan Dummitt	Alice Meyer-Wallace	

After completing undergraduate studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, Noel moved to Philadelphia in 1978. His first important solo exhibition was in the Fleisher Challenge Series in 1980. Since that time, he has mounted over 40 major shows across the country. Noel's work is included in numerous private, public and corporate collections including the Museum of the Pennsylvania Academy, the Woodmere Art Museum, the Arkansas Art Center and the Pennsylvania Convention Center. From 1996-2024, Noel taught drawing and painting in the undergraduate and graduate programs at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. His legacy as an educator also includes teaching at The University of the Arts, Arcadia University and Community College of Philadelphia. Wayne Art Center welcomes the return of Scott Noel's work to the Davenport Gallery as well as his service once again as exhibition juror. Noel's work was featured in Wayne Art Center's 2016 exhibition *The Nude, Mirror of Desire* during which time he co-juried *The Nude Figure – A Juried Fine Art Exhibition* with Paul DuSold.

### **About Wayne Art Center**

Founded in 1931, Wayne Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the community through the arts. More than 500 classes and workshops are offered annually to over 5,000 students of all ages and abilities. The galleries receive over 35,000 visitors a year for their many exhibits, lectures and special events. Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am-4pm. For more information, please visit [www.wayneart.org](http://www.wayneart.org) or call 610-688-3553.