

Steve Miller Bio

Steve (also Steven) Miller, is a painter inspired by his surroundings and personal relationships. Miller's acrylic landscape, genre, and portrait paintings are full of artistry, sensitivity, and humor.

Born and raised in Norman, Oklahoma, Miller completed his BFA in painting and printmaking from the University of Oklahoma in 1995. While there, Miller was inspired by wide open landscapes, Oklahoma skies, and painting professors Carol Beesley, George Bogart, and Edgar Heap-of-Birds, where he gained an appreciation for traditional and contemporary art concepts and techniques, while exploring his own desire to tell personal narratives with a self-deprecating sense of humor.

After graduating he spent a decade using his visual story-telling skills working as an art director at select advertising agencies in Dallas and Chicago. Then in 2002, he and his wife moved to Michigan and started their family, and he started painting full-time. Miller chose to be a stay-at-home-dad while he worked on developing his art career.

Fortunately, art communities throughout Michigan and beyond recognize his artwork. In Birmingham, he won the Corinne Maillard Robinson Award at the BBAC's 38th Michigan Fine Arts Competition, a 5 state juried competition. The City of Royal Oak selected one of his landscapes for their 2019-2020 Art Explored program, a multi-yearlong public art exhibition. In Pontiac, he won 1st place in the 2018 Canvas Pontiac Art Competition, awarded by Barbara Heller of The Detroit Institute of Arts. The DIA also exhibited his "Offrenda to Robin Williams" in a 2014 Dia de Los Muertos exhibition. Beyond Michigan, Miller's artwork has been written about and showcased in publications and galleries in Oklahoma and Texas, where he used to live, and in Colorado, Mississippi, and Virginia. Rolling Rock beer licensed his artwork for a national campaign, printing his painting on 12 million 12-packs and reproducing it as a poster giveaway.

Steve is down to earth and his art inspires his community. His artwork has helped support numerous fundraising events and local charities. He's helped local businesses, a preschool, and a children's hospital brighten their walls and entryways with his art. Steve cares about his community and uses his creative powers for good. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he is focused on responding artistically and musically to the feelings we are all sharing during this crazy time. Mostly, his work has been exhibited only virtually during the pandemic, but he is looking forward to new opportunities. You can find his visual response on his website LookAtMyPaintings.com or through his social media accounts, Instagram [@stevemillerart](https://www.instagram.com/stevemillerart) or [facebook.com/stevemillerart](https://www.facebook.com/stevemillerart). You can find his musical response by listening to Covid Bros., his band, wherever you stream or download your music, or visit [CovidBros.band](https://www.CovidBros.band).