



Rob Kleinsteuber  
Painter and Sculptor

### **About the Artist**

Rob Kleinsteuber is a Washington, D.C. artist who works in oil, pastel, watercolor, charcoal and, most recently, sculpture. For many years he concentrated on oil portraiture in a signature style that is emotional and expressive. His portraits convey not only the likenesses of his sitters, but their inner spirit as well.

Rob's art has been featured on PBS's nationally distributed Dennis Wholley's America. Mr. Wholley saw Rob's work in Washington's Skyneer Gallery and chose several pieces for the set when he inaugurated the program.

Rob has produced over a hundred commissioned portraits, including the naval hero Robert Stethem to hang in the Ward Room of the USS ROBERT STETHEM. The portrait was unveiled at the ship's commissioning in 1995. Other commissions include a large, full-length portrait of Redskin great Charley Taylor, unveiled in 1992 by the late Supreme Court Justice Byron White and permanently installed in the Hall of Fame at Washington's Touchdown Club.

The Faith Moravian Church of Washington, the National Petroleum Council, the American Ambulance Association, and the J.P Morgan have provided important commissions.

Rob's pet portraits were noted in a Washington Post article, and former Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford commissioned him to do a portrait of his wife's beloved dog Apache for her Christmas present.

Rob has created pieces for *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Washington Times*, *The Baltimore City Paper*, and *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, among many others. His art has taken prizes in Ohio, Texas, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

While still accepting portrait commissions, Rob continues to develop his interest in other modes of artistic expression, especially figure studies and ceramic sculpture. He is exploring links between classical realism and modern expressiveness, featuring works such as Sisyphus, Abel Slain, Prometheus Bound, and Narcissus.