

## Thomas S. Hoffman

Thomas Hoffman received his BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago and MFA from Northwestern University where he received a fellowship and studied with the realist painter James Valerio. He was represented immediately out of school by the J.Rosenthal gallery in Chicago and a year later moved to New York where his work was represented by the Steibel Modern Gallery.

Over the years the focus of his work has changed. "As an artist you search for relevancy, as a representational painter you look at the world as source and that includes the art world. Your work has to be informed by art, historical and contemporary. And you have to grapple with the schism between the commercial and the personal."

He has worked as a portrait painter for many years and his work hangs in many private and public collections. He painted the portrait of Professor Irwin Swiggert for the Physics Department and of President Michael Young which hangs in the Park Building on the University of Utah campus. .

His work is also represented in the Springville Museum of Art the Mary and Leigh Block Museum at Northwestern University, and the Art Institute of Chicago