# Rob Brownlee-Tomasso

#### **Artist Statement**

Taking inspiration from architecture, history, and nature, as well as depicting highly stylized conceptual characters, Rob Brownlee-Tomasso creates large canvases that are texture studies painted with acrylics. Canvases are built to be irregularly shaped, and texture is added with earth taken from the place that is the subject matter or inspiration. Often found objects are included.

Rob Brownlee-Tomasso has participated in group and solo exhibitions in Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey, and his work resides in several private collections. His art training began as a child at the Barn School of Art in Millville, NJ, and had a strong fine arts program in High School. He is also a professional Graphic Designer with a BA in Advertising Design.

#### Solo Exhibitions, Featured Artist Shows

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| 2021 | Solo Show, Summer 2021           | Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, MD                       |
| 2020 | Choptank Takes Flight            | Public Art Installation, Visitor Center, Denton, MD |
| 2020 | Virtual Show, Summer 2020        | Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, MD                       |
| 2019 | Featured Artist, September       | The Foundry, Denton, MD                             |
| 2017 | Featured Artist, May             | The Foundry, Denton, MD                             |
| 2016 | The Art of Divergence            | Ouvert Gallery, St. Michaels, MD                    |
| 2015 | The Dirty Duo                    | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                       |
| 2015 | Turnbridge Point Bed & Breakfast | Denton, MD  |
| 2012 | Talbot County Visual Art Center  | Easton, MD  |
| 2010 | Hair O' the Dog                  | Easton, MD  |
| 2010 | Featured Artist                  | Red Queen Gallery, Onancock, VA                     |
| 2009 | Hair O' the Dog                  | Easton, MD  |
| 2008 | Talbot County Visual Art Center  | Easton, MD  |
| 2008 | First Friday Window Exhibit      | Easton, MD  |
| 2007 | Hair O' the Dog                  | Easton, MD  |
| 2007 | Market Street Exhibit            | Denton, MD  |
| 2006 | Coffee East                      | Easton, MD  |
| 2005 | Hair O' the Dog                  | Easton, MD  |
| 2004 | Coffee East                      | Easton, MD  |
| 2004 | Clay Bakers                      | Easton, MD  |
| 2003 | Coffee East                      | Easton, MD  |
| 2002 | Matapeake Restaurant and Café    | Stevensville, MD                                    |
| 2001 | District Court House             | Denton, MD  |
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## **Group Exhibitions**

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| 2021              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2021              | Oxford Fine Arts (virtual)       | Oxford Community Center, Oxford, MD          |
| 2020              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2019              | Turnbridge Point B&B             | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2019              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2018              | Of a Feather: Birds in Art       | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2018              | Turnbridge Point B&B             | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2018              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2017              | Ouvert Gallery                   | St. Michaels, MD                             |
| 2017              | Turnbridge Point B&B             | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2017              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2016              | Adkins Arboretum Competition     | Ridgely, MD                                  |
| 2016              | Ouvert Gallery                   | St. Michaels, MD                             |
| 2016              | Turnbridge Point B&B             | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2016              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2016              | Artists in Action                | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2015              | Ouvert Gallery                   | St. Michaels, MD                             |
| 2015              | Turnbridge Point B&B             | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2015              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2015              | Artists in Action                | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2014              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2014              | FashNArt                         | Easton, MD                                   |
| 2014              | Artists in Action                | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2013              | FashNArt                         | Easton, MD                                   |
| 2013              | Studio Experience 4 U            | Talbot County Visual Arts Center, Easton, MD |
| 2013              | Elements in Balance              | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2013              | TCVAC Spring Members' Show       | Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD            |
| 2013              | The Living Gallery               | Annmarie Garden, Solomons, MD                |
| 2013              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
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| 2011              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2010              | Group Exhibition                 | Red Queen Gallery, Onancock, VA              |
| 2010              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2009              | Caroline County Council for Arts | The Foundry, Denton, MD                      |
| 2009              | Spring Gala                      | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2008              | Members' Show                    | Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD               |
| 2008              | Adkins Arboretum Competition     | Ridgely, MD                                  |
| 2007              | Spring Gala                      | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2006              | Market Street Exhibit            | Denton, MD                                   |
| 2006              | Talbot County Visual Art Center  | Easton, MD                                   |
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| 2006 | Fall Exhibition                    | Coffee East, Easton, MD   |
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| 2006 | Creatrics Art Gallery              | Easton, MD  |
| 2006 | Members' Show                      | Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD                                  |
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| 2004 | Winter Juried Exhibition           | Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD        |
| 2004 | All Hung Exhibition                | Maryland Federation of Art City Gallery, Baltimore, MD          |
| 2004 | Members' Show                      | Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD                                  |
| 2004 | Window Exhibition                  | Easton, MD  |
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| 2003 | Art People                         | Coffee East, Easton, MD   |
| 2003 | Members' Show                      | Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD                                  |
| 2003 | 40th Anniversary Show              | Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD        |
| 2003 | Friday Morning Artists Show        | Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD                                  |
| 2003 | Spoons Coffee House                | Federal Hill, Baltimore, MD                                     |
| 2003 | 5x5 Exhibition                     | Coffee East, Easton, MD   |
| 2002 | Flightworks                        | Coffee East, Easton, MD   |
| 2002 | Spoons Coffee House                | Federal Hill, Baltimore, MD                                     |
| 2001 | AIGA After Hours Exhibition        | Spoons Coffee House, Federal Hill, Baltimore, MD                |
| 2000 | Alternative Spaces                 | Arundel Center, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD       |
| 1999 | Winter Artworks                    | Holley Gallery, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD       |
| 1998 | Fall Juried Exhibition             | Quiet Waters Gallery, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD |
| 1998 | Ira Pinto Gallery                  | Annapolis, MD   |
| 1998 | Spring Juried Exhibition           | Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD        |
| 1998 | Anniversary Celebration Exhibition | Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD        |

### **Awards**

| 2013 | First Place, | The Wind, | Talbot County | / Visual Ar | rt Center | Spring M | lembers' | Show, | Chesapeake ( | College |
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2009 Best Local Artist, The Update Magazine, August 2009

2008 Leon Andrus Award, Best in Show, Beyula Coronata, Adkins Arboretum National Art Competition

### **Education**

Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey, B.A. in Design, 1991 Vineland High School, Vineland, New Jersey, Fine Art Major, 1987 The Barn Studio of Art, Millville, New Jersey, 1979

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