

Shirley Shabazian

Shirley was born in Chicago and spent much her childhood painting and sketching. Once in high school, she began drawing portraits of her friends. She began her formal art training at the Art Institute and Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago. She continued her art studies in California at UCLA and Los Angeles Valley College. She has also studied with well-known artists, Catherine Jackson, Jake Lee, Christopher Schink, Ted Gocrschner and David Darrow.

Shirley's paintings have received numerous awards in Northridge, Costa Mesa, Toluka Lake, the Brand Library in Glendale and Verdago Hills. She is a COAL "Best of Show" winner. She has had several "one-woman" shows in the patio gallery in Burbank, Glendale, the Brand Gallery, Toluka Lake and Verdago Hills. She was a member of the Burbank Art Association and the Valley Watercolor Society. She currently exhibits at the COAL Gallery and in Laguna Beach. She has taught art classes in the Adult Education system, performed demonstrations for several art groups and served as a judge at local art shows. Ms. Shabazian's paintings hang in many private collections in Southern California and the Midwest. Her exhibits and commissions for portraits make her an up and coming artist to watch.