

Rose Irelan is a Fine Artist and an Art Educator residing in Poway, CA. She has lived in California since 1985 when she and her architect husband, David Irelan, relocated from their hometown of Columbus Ohio. Rose attended the *Columbus College of Art and Design*, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Illustration and minoring in Fine Art. She worked as an Art Director and Graphic Designer for 20 years. In 2003 she made the move from the commercial art world to follow her passion of painting. She opened her own art school, *RoseArt Atelier*, to provide art instruction in classical painting, drawing and illustration to children, teens and adults. She also teaches a two week *Summer Art Intensive* to college bound teens preparing their portfolios for art and design schools. Many of her teen students have graduated or are attending prestigious design schools including *RISD (Rhode Island School of Art and Design)*, *LCAD (Laguna College of Art and Design)* and *Art Center, Pasadena*.

Rose has studied with some of the best living painters today, including Jeffrey Watts, his father Robert Watts, Daniel Pinkham, Ray Roberts, Jean LaGassick, David Gallup, Carolyn Anderson, Eric Merrell, Peggy Kroll Roberts, and Calvin Liang.

Rose paints landscapes of the deserts and mountains, and seascapes of the West *en plein air*. She also is a portrait, figurative and narrative painter. No matter the subject, Rose paints to portray honesty and beauty. These exceptional qualities of her work serve to convey the feeling of a moment in time that transcends pure representation and becomes artistic interpretation. Rose's use of color, design and brushmanship has been described as soulful and impressionistic. A versatile artist, most of her inspiration comes from painting outdoors. "*Every outdoor location and experience feeds my passion to paint and connect more deeply with nature. I feel the best way to paint nature is from direct observation that is truthful; not only in the way it looks but the way it feels*".

Rose is a member of the *California Art Club*, *Oil Painters of America*, and *Laguna Plein Air Painters Association* and *The National Association of Women Artists*, and the *Samagundi Club*. Rose continues to jury into many prestigious National Shows. She was a juried member for the *Crested Butte Invitational* in 2014. Rose is currently showing her work at *Forest and Ocean Gallery* in Laguna Beach, California and will be having a One Woman show at *Jeremy's On the Hill* (one of 4 artists invited per year). For more about Rose see, [www.roseirelan.com](http://www.roseirelan.com).