

Guidelines for Writers

What We Are Looking For:

The readers of *American Artist* and *Watercolor* magazines are professional or advanced amateur artists who want to learn from other artists. Our articles therefore profile an accomplished artist in any fine-art medium (no photography) and his or her techniques, featuring large full-color reproductions of the artwork and a step-by-step demonstration whenever possible. The artists are primarily realists, interested in traditional techniques and subjects.

American Artist always features a “Watercolor Page” and a “Pastel Page.” These articles are often written by the artist (or ghost-written in the artist’s voice) and focus on one technical aspect, rather than providing an overview of the artist’s work. In addition, the “Business & Professional Practices” articles cover the business side of being an artist, such as gallery representation, pricing artwork, framing, and obtaining grants and fellowships.

The stories in *Watercolor* are similar in content to those in *American Artist*, except that they must be on watermedia (acrylic on paper, casein, gouache, and watercolor). *Watercolor* often features a “Lives in Art” story that focuses on one artist’s career path.

In both magazines we also publish stories with an art historical bent. These stories are always oriented toward what a practicing artist today can learn from a master of a certain medium or technique.

Finally, some of our stories focus on recent exhibitions. In these pieces, we aim to provide insight into an assembled group of pictures in terms of their subject matter. In this way, we hope to provide readers with a greater understanding of how contemporary artists are incorporating more meaningful content into their work.

What to Submit:

For editorial consideration, please send a letter outlining your proposal, along with your résumé and clips. We also need at least 10 slides of the artist’s work and his or her résumé. (A Web site address is not acceptable.) Be as specific, and concise, as possible in your proposal.

What We Pay:

Upon the article’s publication, we generally pay \$500 for articles of about 1,500 to 2,000 words.

Final Notes:

We acquire the copyright for the article, but not the artwork.

We receive a large volume of material every day. It can take six to eight weeks for us to respond to your query. Please be patient. We seriously consider every proposal we receive.

We work about four and a half months in advance of the publication date.

Whom to contact:

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