

Ganine Giorgione Derleth (pronounced Janine) I am a Broadway entertainer, Rockette, and Ballroom Dance Champion with my husband Theo. We owned and ran large dance schools. That was my career and painting was my hobby. When I retired from performing I focused full time on my first love, art, and opened Giorgione Fine Art. **Oil painting became both my passion and profession. It's what I think about and dream about. I am thankful for the gift that oil painting has brought to my life.**

Learning to see as a painter changed me and the way I see the world. I believe there is more creativity in me to be explored and I am thankful for the opportunity to find myself and my voice through art. Painting helped me breathe and gave me something to focus on after the death of my child and mother as well as a way to channel my emotions. I am grateful for how it has transformed my reality, changed the way I see, and gives structure to my days.

In 2025 I had the great pleasure of attending the Oil Painters of America National Conference where I was able to join a community of artists and form friendships. My paintings have been in seven OPA online showcases, submitted for salon show and 2 regionals. A great benefit of being accepted into OPA is the wealth of knowledge shared with members through Lunch & Learn lessons from masters of the craft.

My training thus far has been self-guided. I have learned a tremendous amount through YouTube, art books, DVD's from Streamline Art Videos/PaintTube.tv, The Undraped Artist podcast, Patreon with Michael Klein, "Sharing the journey" with Daniel Gerhartz and a workshop with Calvin Liang. I attended the Portrait Society of America "Face off" demonstrations, participated in the Olmsted Plein Air Invitational 'PaintQuick' twice and went to the guest artist demos. I have been a finalist in the Plein Air Magazine Salon and received an award my second time attending the RealismLive online conference. I also participated in the Vision X Global Art Conference. My paintings are featured both solo and group exhibitions, a PBS special and a few magazines. I sell original paintings and just finished another commission.

This January I will participate in the Strada Easel Challenge, painting from life for 31 days straight. If you are curious to see what I'm up to please follow my Instagram Page **@g\_giorgione** where I will be posting the new art daily, they will be available for purchase on my website [www.ggiorgione.com](http://www.ggiorgione.com) I will be attending two national events in 2026, The Oil Painters of America National Exhibition & Conference in Colorado and The Portrait Society of America Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Maybe I'll see you there.