

About Clay Johnson



Clay Johnson is a classic landscape painter who works primarily in oil. His interests vary widely, which include cityscapes, industrial, agricultural, and other human-modified spaces, as well as pure nature. His preference is to paint outdoors, directly from nature, for work both large and small.

While studio work plays an important part of the process, direct observation is an essential ingredient, as the “eyes-on experience” is what feeds his imagination.

Growing up in the Chicago area, Johnson received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Northern Illinois University, and then moved to study at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, where he lived for many years. Finally settling here in South Carolina, Johnson now explores and paints the rich landscape of the Lowcountry.