

Fermin Hernandez

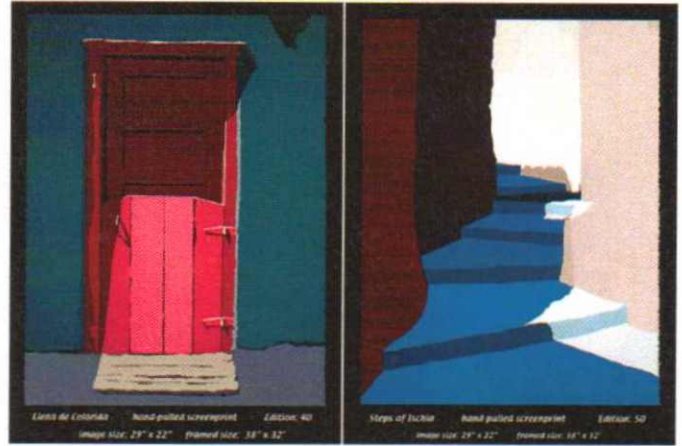
One of America's leading serigraph artists was born in St Joseph, Missouri on November 13th, 1949. Seeking a path for his life, he moved to Denver in 1978 where he began art school at the age of 29. He enrolled in the Community College of Denver where he met his mentor, Mel Carter, his first & most influential teacher.

During his third semester, Fermin studied printmaking under Beth Garbutt, which included a silkscreen printing session also known as Serigraphy. "As soon as I pulled the squeegee over the silk, I knew that this was the medium in which I wanted to work."

During his second year in college, he came to New Mexico. "I stopped the car & walked out on to the land." Visiting Taos, Santa Fe & Santa Rosa immediately impacted the way he looked at things. "I was mesmerized by the color & clarity of the light." Fermin moved to New Mexico in 1985.

Fermin characterizes his work as "stylized realism". First noted for his adobes & scenes in soft pastel colors, his travels in & around the Mediterranean, another locale of astounding light, have also influenced his palette. Richer colors & crisper treatments of a more varied nature have replaced the softer tones.

Recent trips to Italy have inspired a wider range of color & subject matter. Boats have found their way into Fermin's imagery, portrayed only as a Master Printer can. His mastery of composition & color have been the hallmark of his career.



Fermin states simply: "I see my art as an expression of form, highlights & shadows. I attempt to exemplify simplicity & clarity of light to achieve a feeling of depth & serenity. My art is not finished until they, the viewers, complete it with their own involvement of emotions".

Education:

Associate of Arts, Community College of Denver, Denver, Colorado

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SELECTED COLLECTIONS:

Samuel Goldwyn
Roy Disney
Bill Gates
Senator Peter Domenici
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National Hispanic Cultural Foundation
United States Embassy, South Africa



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