



# The Art Students League® of New York

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## **The Art Students League Names Timothy J. Clark As Interim Executive Director**

January 19, 2017 – New York, NY. The Art Students League of New York announced today that it has appointed Timothy J. Clark, nationally known artist and long-time Instructor at the League, as Interim Executive Director of the iconic 143-year-old art school.

The announcement was made by League Board President Ellen Taylor. “As a leading American painter who is also a dynamic and much loved teacher, Tim is well positioned to forward the League’s mission of training professional artists, while at the same time welcoming anyone with a passion for making art,” Ms. Taylor said.

Ms. Taylor, who was elected Board President by the League’s members in December, added, “Tim’s appointment also respects the League’s tradition of the artist–educator established by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Thomas Hart Benton, Jacob Lawrence, and Will Barnet, and carried on today by the League’s 80 professional artist-instructors.”

Though based in California, Mr. Clark has taught at the Art Students League for 20 years. “The League holds a unique position in art education in America,” he said. “I have held the League in the highest esteem since I was a young artist growing up in Southern California. It is a great privilege to be able to lead this renowned institution as it continues its legacy of excellence into a new era.”

Mr. Clark succeeds Ira Goldberg, the Executive Director since 2001, who has decided to relocate to Spain to focus full-time on his art. Ms. Taylor expressed her “thanks to Ira for his years of steadfast commitment to the League and for positioning the League to continue its success in the future.”

Ms. Taylor added, “Tim and the League’s Board and community look forward to working together to best serve our thousands of students, to contribute to the culture of our city, and to support art and artists as we have since 1875.”



#### **About Timothy J. Clark:**

Known for his oil and watercolor paintings, Mr. Clark's work is in multiple museum and private collections nationally, including the permanent collection of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C. Recent solo museum exhibitions include those at Chicago's Loyola University Museum of Art in 2015 and the Laguna Art Museum in California in 2014. He is currently included in the San Diego Museum of Art's *Venetian Views* exhibition. A graduate of the Chouinard Art Institute and the California Institute of the Arts (CalARTS), Mr. Clark is represented in New York by Lois Wagner Fine Arts and Godel & Co., and in Naples, Florida by Harmon-Meek Gallery.

In addition to the League, Clark has taught at the University of Hawaii and the National Academy, and lectured for the Yale graduate program in Rome.

<http://www.tclarkart.com/>

#### **About the Art Students League of New York**

The Art Students League of New York is one of America's premier art schools. It was founded in 1875 by artists, for artists, to provide affordable studio-based art education of the highest quality. Great artists have trained, taught, and exhibited at the League throughout its rich history. Classes, lectures, workshops, exhibitions, and professional development programs continue the League's legacy of supporting students who intend to make art a profession, and cultivating a spirit of community among artists.

Among its prominent instructors and students, the League counts Thomas Eakins, Frederic Remington and Reginald Marsh, Georgia O'Keeffe, Norman Rockwell, Jackson Pollock, Robert Rauschenberg, Mark Rothko, Jacob Lawrence, Louise Nevelson, and Ai Weiwei, among many others. Today, thousands of students each year study drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media at the League.

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