

ROB ERDLE

Was born in California in 1949, and has headed the undergraduate and graduate watercolor painting programs at the University of North Texas School of Visual Arts since 1976. He achieved an MFA Degree in Watercolor Painting from Bowling Green University, Ohio. He has been creating watercolor paintings full-time for the past 38 years.

As a result of his numerous trips throughout eastern China since 1993, Erdle has recently been named a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Watercolor Painting at the famous Luxun Academy of Fine Arts in Shenyang, China. He is developing a western contemporary direction for the program and follows the classes of students during their four years of work. He has also been named the Honorary President of the International Watercolor Institute in Niigata, Japan, after achieving international visibility from five trips to Japan to teach and mount solo exhibitions.

The Denton exhibition will include both Western-inspired Chinese work and photography from four great regions of eastern China. The watercolors are both on-site paintings and recent studio interpretations. Rob's works can be found not only in Chinese public and private collections but also across the US. Rob's works are the subject of a 2001 book in Chinese, produced in China.

This coming December, just before this exhibit opens, the watercolor landscapes of Rob Erdle will be the subject of a major, mid-career survey to be held at the New Orleans Museum of Art.