



MONTANA TRAILS GALLERY

Troy Collins

Troy's adventurous spirit has afforded him the luxury to paint in a myriad of places spanning throughout the West. His faith, family, and the elemental beauties found in nature remain the top priorities in all of his original art. "My goal as an artist is to move the viewer to experience a flood of powerful emotions, to feel the energy that flows through me as I put brush to canvas: to convey my love of art and to passionately captivate and to inspire each person that views my paintings."

Troy was raised outside Bozeman, Montana and attended college on a football scholarship. "I was always artistic but I had no idea that I could paint professionally. My planned path was to become an elementary teacher and a coach. It wasn't until I met Robert Moore that I realized my passion for creating art. After an intensive four-year apprenticeship under Robert, I decided to begin painting full-time and my career began to take shape."

Troy was recently inducted into the Russell Skull Society of Artists, a distinguished group of artists that the C.M. Russell Museum founded in 2013 to recognize living American Western artists whose work celebrates the themes and tradition of Charles M. Russell (1864-1926) and his contemporaries in their portrayal of the Old West (for more information on the C.M. Russell Museum, click on the "Gallery Tab" on this website and follow the link listed on the drop down menu).

"I feel completely humbled and blessed by the grace that has been afforded to me. I get to spend my days living out my passion by creating paintings that bring my collectors so much joy. And, that is a gift that comes from our Creator - I am simply the instrument he uses to spread his light. For me, the creative process is filled with hope and love. I can't wait to 'go to my studio' each morning and I hope that joy is evident in everything that I paint."