

## MICHAEL CHESLEY JOHNSON, MPAC PSA PSNM

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An award-winning plein air landscape painter noted for his expressive use of color, Michael works in both oil and pastel. He paints primarily outdoors, choosing locations from the American Southwest, Downeast Maine and the Canadian Maritimes. He has been an Invited Artist at the *Sedona Plein Air Festival* (2006-2011) and in 2011 also participated in the *Plein Air Southwest, Grand Canyon National Park* and *Zion National Park* invitationals. In 2012, he was an invited artist in *PleinAir Magazine's* First Annual Plein Air Convention & Expo and again at the Grand Canyon event.

Michael was awarded Master Pastellist status by *Pastel Artists Canada* in 2008, and he is a Signature Member of the *Pastel Society of America* and the *Pastel Society of New Mexico* as well as a juried member of *Oil Painters of America* and the *American Impressionist Society*. His paintings have appeared in *The Artist's Magazine*, *Pastel Journal*, *American Artist* and *Fine Art Connoisseur (PleinAir Magazine)* and are in both corporate and private collections.

Michael's ability to talk about the act of painting in easy-to-understand terms has made him a popular teacher and writer. He gives workshops across the U.S. and in Canada to all levels of students, from beginner to professional. He is a Contributing Editor for *The Artist's Magazine* and writes regularly for *The Pastel Journal*. He is the author of several books, including *Through a Painter's Brush: A Year on Campobello Island*, *Through a Painter's Brush: The American Southwest*, and *Backpacker Painting: Outdoors with Oil & Pastel*. (All available through his website.) He has two art instruction videos available through ArtistsNetwork.tv and NorthlightShop.com as well as an online video course, *Plein Air Essentials*, at [www.pleinairessentials.com](http://www.pleinairessentials.com).

Michael maintains a summer studio on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, and a winter studio near Sedona, Arizona.

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