

# Didier Nolet

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## EDUCATION

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1972 to 1980 Diplome Superieur d'Art Plastique Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts Paris, France (the equivalent of a Masters Degree)

## ONE-MAN SHOWS

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- 2018 "Landscapes, Layers, and Life," The Union League Club of, Chicago
- 2017 "Journey Through Dreams," Addington Gallery, Chicago
- 2016 Ideal Home Show, Navy Pier, Chicago  
"Mirror of Humanity," Park Art Center Villa Park, Ill.  
"Reinventing Landscape," Noyes Cultural Center, Evanston, Ill.  
Orland Park Public Library, Orland Park, Ill.
- 2015 "Fire and Ice," Old Town Art Center, Chicago
- 2014 "Evolution," Doubletree by Hilton Skokie, Ill.
- 2013 "Mystic Landscapes," Spectrum Fine Art Gallery, Highwood, Ill.  
"Totally Different," Didier Nolet & Diane Ponder, Studio Didier Nolet, Chicago
- 2012 "Memories of Provence and Other Places," Franklin Framing, Blue Island, Ill.
- 2011 "Time Freeze," State Street Gallery, Robert Morris University, Chicago
- 2010 "Turmoill and Piece of Mind," The Art Center, Highland Park, Ill.
- 2009 "A Twist on Nature," Heller Nature Center, Highland Park, Ill.
- 2008 Deerfield Art League
- 2007 "Artropolis," The Artist Project, Merchandise Mart, Chicago
- 2006 "Paintings and Drawings," Vanderpoel Art Museum, Chicago  
"Paintings and Drawings," Mornea Gallery, Evanston, Ill.  
"Small Paintings," Perimeter Gallery, Chicago
- 2005 "Nature's Renderings," Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, Ill.  
"Memory and the Poetics of Landscape," H.F. Johnson Gallery of Art, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisc.  
"French Flair," The Art Center Highland Park, Ill.
- 2004 "Looking for the Past," Perimeter Gallery, Chicago  
"Spirit of the Land," College of Lake County Robert T. Wright Gallery, Grayslake, Ill.  
Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Ill.  
"Moodscapes," Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Munster, Ind.
- 2003 "A Second Look," Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.  
Concordia University Ferguson Art Gallery, River Forest, Ill.  
Unilever Corporate Gallery, Rolling Meadows, Ill.
- 2002 "Reflection On My Moods," Shona Gallery, Laguna Beach, Calif.

- 2002 Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, Ill.  
 2001 "Full Circle," Lydon Fine Art, Chicago  
 Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Ill.  
 "Evergreen," Ann Nathan Gallery, Chicago  
 "The Ideal Landscape," Loyola University, Chicago  
 2000 Elgin Community College, Elgin, Ill.  
 1999 Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 "Views II," Ann Nathan Gallery, Chicago  
 University Club of, Chicago  
 1998 Suzanne Brown Galleries, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 1995 Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.  
 "Transitions," Eva Cohon Gallery, Chicago  
 1994 Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 1992 Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York, N.Y.  
 1991 MC Gallery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Ill.  
 Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 1990 Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York, N.Y.  
 "Dreams of a Man Awake," Chicago Cultural Center  
 1989 Alliance Francaise, Chicago  
 1988 Union League Club, Chicago  
 1987 Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 1983 Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago  
 1979 First Time Gallery, Paris, France  
 1977 Cite International des Arts, Paris, France

#### **GROUP SHOWS**

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- 2018 "If Only You Knew," Freeport Art Museum Freeport, Ill.  
 Chicago Society of Artists, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale, Ill.  
 "Chicago INsideOut," Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago  
 "Late Impressions," Old Town Art Center, Chicago  
 "Cultural Bridge," Dank Haus, Chicago  
 "Celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial," Vanderpoel Art Museum, Chicago  
 "Skyborn," Addington Gallery, Chicago  
 2017 "Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare," Water Street Studios, Batavia, Ill.  
 "Cultural Bridge," Dank Haus, Chicago  
 "Adam and Eve," The Old Court House Art Center, Woodstock, Ill.  
 "Spirit in the Land," Addington Gallery, Chicago  
 Faculty Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Ill.  
 2016 "Spirit in the Land," Addington Gallery, Chicago  
 "Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare," 4th Presbyterian Church, Chicago  
 "Cultural Bridge," Dank Haus, Chicago

- 2015 "In View," The Art Center Highland Park, Ill.
- 2014 The 3rd Annual Creek Gallery Show, Crystal Lake, Ill.
- 2009 Art, Chicago, Chicago Merchandise Mart, Chicago  
"Seen," Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, Ill.
- 2008 "The Blue Plate Special," August House, Chicago  
"Café Paris to Café, Chicago," August House, Chicago
- 2007 "Not Just Landscape," The Art Center, Highland Park, Ill.
- 2006 "Got Cow? Cattle in America 1820 to 2000," Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, N.Y.  
"Made in France," The Art Center Highland Park, Ill.
- 2004 Art, Chicago, Navy Pier, Chicago  
"Chicago Images," Frederick Baker Gallery, Chicago  
Chicago Art Open, Vietnam Veterans Art Museum, Chicago
- 2003 Member & Staff Shows, Suburban Fine Arts Center, Highland Park, Ill.  
22nd Annual Juried Art Show, Wilmette Library, Wilmette, Ill.  
Chicago Art Open, Chicago  
"Option," Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago  
"Flights of Imagination," An Artist-Made Kite Show, Chicago Cultural Center  
"Animal Images," The Anti-Cruelty Society, Chicago  
"New Members Show," Northwest Cultural Council, Rolling Meadows, Ill.  
"Legacy," Chicago Society of Artists Members Show, Brickton Gallery, Park Ridge, Ill.
- 2002 Lydon Fine Art, Chicago  
"12 x 12," Suburban Fine Arts Center, Highland Park, Ill.  
Chicago Art Open, Chicago  
Shona Gallery, Laguna Beach, Calif.
- 2001 "Between Earth and Sky," O'Hare International Airport, Chicago  
"Works on Paper," The Armory, New York, N.Y.
- 1999 "Views," Ann Nathan Gallery, Chicago
- 1994 MC Gallery, Minneapolis, Minn.  
52nd Annual Juried Exhibition, Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City, Iowa  
Chicago International Art Exhibition
- 1992 "The Challenge of the Landscape," Struve Gallery, Chicago  
"Disquieting Landscapes," Quincy Art Center, Quincy, Ill.  
"Art Show IV," Ruschman/Elliot Interior Design, Winnetka, Ill.  
"New Horizons in Art," Old Orchard Gallery, Skokie, Ill.  
"The Emotional Landscape: A Reflection on the Environment," David Adler Cultural Center, Libertyville, Ill.  
"New Acquisitions," Union League Club of Chicago
- 1991 Contemporary Midwestern Landscapes, University Club of Chicago  
"The Emotional Landscape," A traveling exhibition by nine Illinois artists, State of Illinois Center, Chicago  
Chicago International Art Exhibition  
"Disquieting Landscapes," Suburban Fine Arts Center, Highland Park, Ill.

- 1991 "Public Territory; Landscape as a Metaphor for Personal Concerns," Wichita Art Center, Wichita, KS
- 1990 "The Emotional Landscape," A traveling exhibition by nine Illinois artists, Rock Valley College Rockford, Ill.  
 "The, Chicago Show," Chicago Cultural Center  
 "Looking at Plants through the Artist's Eye: A Group Show," Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York, N.Y.  
 "Peculiar Faces," Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 Chicago International Art Exposition  
 "The Art Show," The Armory, New York, N.Y.  
 "Landscape," J. Rosenthal Ltd., Chicago  
 "Flora '90," Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.  
 1989 Woodstock Opera House, Woodstock, Ill.  
 16th Union League Club Art Competition and Exhibition, Union League Club of Chicago and Prince Gallery, Chicago  
 "Group Effort," Struve Gallery, Chicago
- 1988 "New in New York," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York, N.Y.  
 "The Face of the Land," Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Loretto, Penn.  
 "Art at the Armory," New York, N.Y.  
 "Figurative Imagery," Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago  
 "Landscape of a Mind," Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Evanston, Ill.
- 1987 "Watercolor USA 1987," Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Mo.  
 Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago  
 Fifteenth Art Competition & Exhibition, Union League Club, Chicago  
 "The Fire & Ice of Black and White," Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago
- 1986 "Works on Paper," Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 "Chicago Draws," Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago  
 "New Horizons in Art," Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago  
 "Contemporary Midwest Landscapes," Herron Art Museum, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago  
 "Showing Off," Art works produced during the Fellowship Period 1985 by the top Illinois Arts Council, Visual Arts Fellowship recipients, State of Illinois Center, Chicago  
 Chicago & Vicinity Show, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago  
 "Personal Territory," Frumkin & Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 "American Still Life," Frumkin & Struve Gallery, Chicago
- 1985 "Nocturnal Images," Paine Art Center, Oshkosh, Wisc.  
 Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago
- 1984 "Works on Paper," Frumkin & Struve Gallery, Chicago  
 "LandEscape," Marianne Deson Gallery, Chicago  
 Landscape Show, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.  
 Drawing Show, MoMing Dance & Art Center, Chicago  
 "New Horizons in Art," Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago

- 1984 Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago
- 1983 Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, Wisc.  
Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago  
"Emerging," The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago
- 1982 Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago
- 1981 Union League Art Show, Chicago
- 1980 Chicago & Vicinity Show, the Art Institute of Chicago
- 1978 Salon d'Automne, Grand Palais, Paris, France

### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

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Mary & Leigh Block Museum, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.  
 Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, Ill.  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Pau, France  
 Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Ill.  
 Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Mo.  
 Racine Art Museum, Racine, Wisc.  
 Vanderpoel Art Museum, Chicago  
 State of Illinois Capitol Development Board, Chicago  
 Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Ariz.  
 McDonald Corporation, Oak Brook, Ill.  
 Borg-Warner Corporation, Chicago  
 Kemper Insurance Group, Long Grove, Ill.  
 Deloitte, Chicago and New York  
 Frito-Lay, Inc., Dallas, Tex.  
 Shearson Lehman Hutton, Inc., Chicago  
 White Fleischner & Fino, New York, N.Y.  
 Bank One, Chicago  
 AT&T, New York, N.Y.  
 Power Rogers & Smith, Chicago  
 Chemical Bank of New York  
 Field Enterprises, Chicago  
 W.W. Grainger, Inc., Skokie, Ill.  
 Chapman & Cutler Law Offices, Chicago  
 United Stationers, Inc., Des Plaines, Ill.  
 Morton Grove Bank, Morton Grove, Ill.  
 Rayovac Corporation, Madison, Wisc.  
 University Club, Chicago  
 Household International, Mount Prospect, Ill.  
 Union League Club of Chicago  
 R. Robert Funderberg, Rockford, Ill.  
 Edward Byron Smith, Jr., Lake Forest, Ill.  
 Walter Jacobson, Chicago

Robert Wislow, Chicago  
Jean-Michel Willmotte, Paris, France  
Philippe Victoire de Vilmorin, Paris, France  
Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Ill.  
IMS Health, Fairfield, Conn.  
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.  
College of Lake County, Grayslake, Ill.  
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Chicago

## **PRIZES/AWARDS**

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- 1990 Edward and Eleanor DeWitt Prize, "The Chicago Show"  
Award of Excellence, "Flora '90," Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Ill.
- 1989 Iver S. Olsen Award, 16th Art Competition and Exhibition, Union League Club, Chicago
- 1987 Juror's Award, "Watercolor USA," Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Mo.  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. DiMaria Award, Union League Club, Chicago
- 1986 Award of Excellence, North Shore Art League, "New Horizons in Art," Chicago Cultural Center
- 1985 Robert Rice Jenkins Memorial Prize, Art Institute of Chicago  
Illinois Arts Council, Artists Fellowship
- 1984 Award Drawing Show, MoMing Dance and Art Center
- 1982 Illinois Arts Council, Project Completion Grant

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Bouras, Harry, Interview of Didier Nolet on WFMT, "Chicago's Fine Arts Radio Station," April 10, 1983

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2008 to present, Art Instructor, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Ill.  
2003 to 2016, Art Instructor, The Art Center, Highland Park, Ill.