

# ART OF PAINTING

Interactive Art Instruction

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## Russian Lineage & Art of Painting

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**  
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### **DON SAHLI: An American Painter** **RUSSIAN LINEAGE and ART OF PAINTING**

*"I met Sergei Bongart in 1982 at his workshop in Idaho. During Bongart's painting demonstration, I saw him use color and paint as no one had before. I knew right then that this was a Master Painter and I had to learn from him. Sergei was a great painter, poet and teacher - he changed my life forever. "*

Don Sahli helps to sustain an important artistic tradition, one passed from Ilya Repin, the fountainhead of all modern Russian painting, to his student, Nicolai Fechin; and from Fechin to Peter Kotov; and from Peter Kotov to Sergei Bongart; and from Sergei Bongart to Don Sahli.

*"My teacher did not teach me to paint, he taught me to see. You must produce relationship between colors. This is ART OF PAINTING. This was what his teacher taught him, that which had been passed on to him by his teacher. This is a tradition the old world process called apprenticeship – where a mentor shares his knowledge with the student. In this way the teacher is still learning and growing. There are no secrets or formulas in the ART OF PAINTING... and as a painting philosophy is very simple to state but very difficult to master."*

Defined ART OF PAINTING is the harmony and contrast of *color, drawing, form, design, and texture*. It is very much like music, a number of notes come together to form a harmony, a melody. Which can be developed into music – a symphony of beautiful notes coming together to harmonize with each other. Just as colors harmonize together to become art.

ART OF PAINTING also focuses on Drawing which is about Proportion, Perspective, and Placement of the Pieces of light and shadow. All these elements come together to create Form...ART OF PAINTING is about describing this Form with color! Design, Composition and Texture are important elements connected to this painting philosophy.

When the student begins to see each color in *true relationship* to the rest....He becomes a *painter*. Everything begins and ends here; this is the ART OF PAINTING. Don Sahli's legacy and this DVD collection are about taking the steps to teach ART OF PAINTING.