



Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants

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The Theodore Payne Foundation welcomes Randall Von Bloomberg as our 2019 Artist in Residence. Randall is an artist, educator, and life long gardener. His landscape paintings are inspired by *Tathata*, a Sanskrit word that expresses the profound awareness and appreciation of reality within each single moment of life. *Tathata* is often revealed in the seemingly mundane, such as observing the sun illuminating an asphalt road, or noticing the wind blowing along a grassy parkway.



Branch Penumbra, by Randall VonBloomberg

As a Los Angeles-based artist, the imagery in Randall's work is inspired by the urban landscape, in particular, the trees and plant forms that thrive around freeways and other man-made structures. Often alone and commuting by car, Randall is fascinated

by these in-between spaces. Each painting develops slowly over time through a consecutive layering of color, value, and stroke. The process is as much directed by Randall as it is suggested by the evolving image itself. When viewed up close, the painted surface magnifies into an abstraction of marks and spaces, similar to the minute particles and spaces that make up matter in our physical world. When viewed from a distance, the paintings translate these single moments into experiences of *Tathata*.

For his residency, Randall looks forward to working with the Theodore Payne Foundation to research and develop a deeper sensitivity to native plant species and habitats. He will create a series of paintings that explore this unique perspective. It is Randall's intention for his paintings to awaken a reverence and awareness of the interconnectivity of time, humanity and nature, and offer the viewer an opportunity to experience *Tathata*.

Randall's painting depicting the Madrona Marsh Wetland Preserve, was selected for the 2018 Metro Through the Eyes of Artist Poster project. His painting will represent the city of Torrance, and will be displayed throughout the Los Angeles transit system. Randall's work has been exhibited at the Los Angeles International Airport/LA Department of Cultural Affairs Public Art Division, Torrance Museum of Art, Descanso Gardens/Sturt Haaga Gallery, CSU Dominguez Hills/University Art Gallery, ARTPIC/Los Angeles, RiskPress Gallery/Los Angeles, Museum of the Living Artist/Balboa Park, San Diego, Stricoff Fine Arts/New York City, among others.

Randall holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the New York Academy of Art, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Pratt Institute. He is a Professor of Art in the Fine Arts Division at El Camino College in Torrance, CA. Learn more about the artist at www.randallvonbloomberg.com.