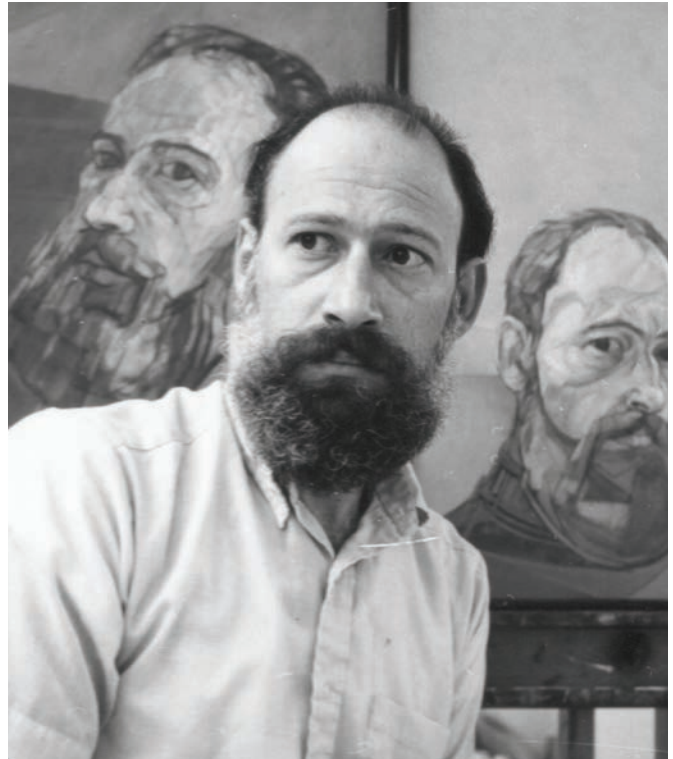


Welcome to Barnstone!

ART EDUCATION • EVENTS & SHOWS • STUDIO & GALLERY



Barnstone Studios is a thriving hub of classical, foundational art education, art appreciation events and shows, and a busy, dynamic studio and gallery located in Thurmont, Maryland.

The Barnstone Studios

The Barnstone Story

*The Barnstone Legacy Begins with Myron Barnstone -
The Man, His Words and His Works*



EARLY YEARS

Military, Travel, Study & Finding His "Artistic Voice"

Following early years serving in the military where he worked primarily with photography, Myron's travels and artistic studies provided opportunities for experimentation, creation, and re-creation as he discovered his own unique style.

SPAIN

Rising of the Professional Artist

It was here Myron became a professional artist, establishing a daily rhythm and pattern of intense creative development and production, while beginning his family and welcoming his daughter Catherine.



PARIS

Breakout Success, Recognition and Accolades

Myron's Survivors exhibition, originally a three-week show that was extended to 2 ½ months, was proof positive his work evoked strong emotional reactions from the public. It received many positive critical reviews. Gratified and in the glow of success, Myron delved further into refining his art.

Our timeline

Through years of disciplined practice, traveling throughout Europe and Japan studying the works and techniques of the great masters, Barnstone became proficient in using the esoteric science of the Golden Section, a geometric compositional system that brings harmony, drama and life to his pieces.

Establishing studios in Spain, France, England and then America, Barnstone taught for 35 years, producing a legacy of alumni and master arts instructors that carry forward the Barnstone Method today.





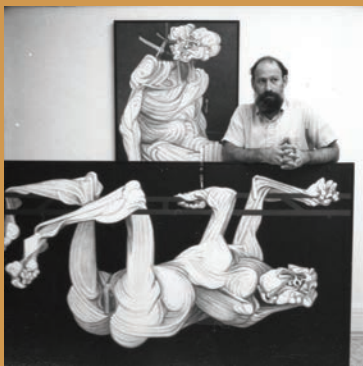
*Myron Barnstone – Master Artist,
Educator, Visionary*



ENGLAND

England, US, & Early Teaching Engagements

This period saw Myron synthesize his artistic accomplishments and delve further into explorations, infusing even greater character into his figurative studies and bringing his nature artwork into full flourishing. Myron began teaching at what alumni described as “studios flooded with light and creativity.”



AMERICA

The Barnstone Method & Barnstone Studios

Seeing a pronounced lack of foundational training and classical technique in modern art education, Myron committed to the radical notion that traditional classical systems must be taught and applied to any work of design. Wanting students to develop their individual artistic styles rather than imitate the appearance of their teacher’s work, Myron made the decision to set his own artwork aside and dedicate himself exclusively to educating the next generation of artists. Thus the Barnstone Method was born.

EXPANDING ACCESS

Barnstone Philanthropic Support

Art education should be made available to any who committed to the rigor - so Myron believed. Frequently he allowed students to assist with studio prep, maintenance and cleaning in exchange for studying with the classes. Innovative accommodations were the norm, with some students actually living in-studio for extended periods. Formalizing scholarship access to the Barnstone Method now lives on in the Gwendolyn Stine Scholarship Program, affording access to classes, materials and Master Guide expertise two to three times yearly.



Art Education

THE BARNSTONE METHOD

Myron insisted that everyone who truly wished to do so could “learn to draw very well.” Barnstone knew that through diligent practice, students could come to understand epic art and its foundational principles, be able to use those principles to discover their own style, and begin to create their own unique artistic expression.

Realizing the classical approach to teaching foundational art skills was being forgotten, Myron created a unique art education experience that captured the essential artistic language of the masters, while maintaining a student’s freedom to explore and establish their own style using those foundational techniques. He showed students how to incorporate classical traditions and skills into modern and contemporary design, to engage with present-day needs. Building upon classical, foundational knowledge conveyed in the [Barnstone Method](#), Myron encouraged students to find their own unique style – undergirded by a traceable centuries-long legacy of proven artistic genius to support them.

Each facet of Barnstone’s unique approach has been captured digitally, including a full suite of Barnstone Method lessons taught by the master himself, complete with exercises and reference materials. Live in-person and live online instruction courses are taught by Senior Instructor & Master Guide Roger Brinker, as well as selected instructors who are certified Barnstone Method Master Guides.

“If there is any word better than ‘Great!’ it would apply to Roger Brinker’s teaching of the Barnstone Method. The classes I took with Roger have been exceptional. The more I practice and watch the videos of his sessions, the better I understand, see and feel the world differently through his approach.”

~Terna Atsor



Senior Instructor & Master Guide Roger Brinker

Nurturing and building his student’s unique artistic voice - from a strong mastery of the skills and techniques that are Western art’s legacy - is Roger Brinker’s specialty. In fact, using the idea of an artistic genealogy, Brinker traces his own teachers’ artistic roots and charts a lineage that links his students in a direct line to artists such as Edgar Degas, Raphael, and Leonardo da Vinci. A graduate of Temple University’s Tyler School of Art, Brinker has been an instrumental part of Barnstone Studios for decades, contributing as education advisor, writing design course workbooks, and developing the curriculum for the new [Foundation in Drawing & Design](#) program.

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD

Founded in 1977 by internationally-acclaimed Master Myron Barnstone, Barnstone Studios has enjoyed:



45+ Years of Success



2000+ Students



\$4 Million+ in Scholarships Awarded



Graduates Accepted in Top Schools:

- ★ Pratt Institute
- ★ Yale University
- ★ RISD - Rhode Island School of Design
- ★ MICA - Maryland Institute College of Art
- ★ Cal Arts - California Institute of the Arts
- ★ SCAD - Savannah College of Art and Design
- ★ PAFA - Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- ★ FIT - Fashion Institute of Technology
- ★ New York University
- ★ Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- ★ Carnegie Mellon University
- ★ The Cooper Union
- ★ University of the Arts
- ★ Temple University
- ★ University of Pennsylvania
- ★ Harvard University

Barnstone alumni can trace their artistic legacy through centuries of creative mastery.

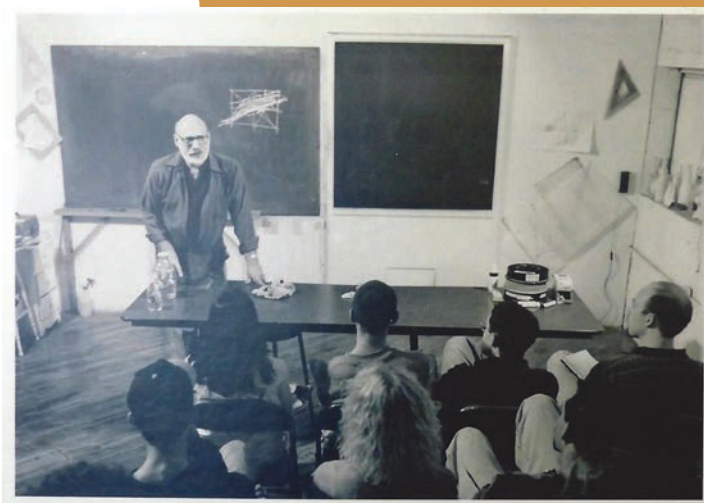
Today, the [Barnstone Method](#) courses can be accessed in a multitude of ways:

- ★ [Classes](#)
 - ✧ [DVD/Download/On Demand](#)
 - ✧ [Live Online](#)
 - ✧ [Live In Person](#)
- ★ [Special Events & Lectures](#)
- ★ [Master Guide Apprentice-to-Certification Program](#)
- ★ [Train-the-Teacher Consult Program](#)



Barnstone Today

Today, Myron's daughter Catherine "Cat" Barnstone, Senior Barnstone Method Instructor Roger Brinker, and the thriving community of certified Barnstone Master Guides carry on the luminous tradition of Myron Barnstone's work – hosting themed shows and events that showcase both Myron and his alumni's exceptional work; maintaining his brick-and-mortar gallery presence for intimate presentations, showcases and happenings; and especially through continuing his groundbreaking Barnstone Method education – providing the bridge between classical skills mastery and the discovery of each students' own unique style.



Barnstone Art Education

Our successful alumni are our BEST advertisement! Listed below are just a few of our Barnstone students who have achieved notable success in their fields of expertise.

- ✦ [Juliette Aristedes](#), atelier painter, educator, and best selling art book author
- ✦ [Christopher Parrott](#), professional artist
- ✦ [Dan Thompson](#), artist, educator, and award winning painter
- ✦ [Kate Brockman](#), artist, professor and award winning sculptor
- ✦ [Syd McGinley](#), artist and award winning Master Pastellist
- ✦ [Alex Curtis](#), layout technical director at Pixar Animation Studios
- ✦ [Frank Hanner](#), department leadership at Walt Disney Animation Studios
- ✦ [Rudy Elert](#), architect, architecture and interior design partner
- ✦ [Jessica Bastidas](#), fine artist, illustrator, and educator



Juliette Aristedes



Christopher Parrott



Dan Thompson



Kate Brockman

BARNSTONE DELIVERS IN-DEMAND, WIDELY APPLICABLE DESIGN SKILLS

Barnstone alumni gain the best of classical, foundational drawing and design training, without being limited by the stylistic imprint of a particular period or artist. As a result, Barnstone Method education provides the groundwork for drawing and design skills that can be applied in many disciplines.

- ✦ Fine Arts
- ✦ Commercial & Fine Art Photography
- ✦ Game Design
- ✦ Animation & Production Design
- ✦ Graphic Design & Website Design
- ✦ Architectural Design & Landscape Architecture
- ✦ Fashion Design
- ✦ Set & Costume Design
- ✦ Interior Design, Gallery & Exhibition Design
- ✦ Automotive, Furniture & Product Design
- ✦ Art Education & Art Therapy
- ✦ Art Director

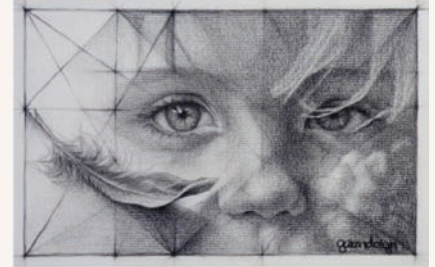
Making Arts Education Available to All

The Gwendolyn Stine Scholarship

Created to honor one of Myron Barnstone's shining alumni, the Gwendolyn Stine Scholarship is open to everyone, from beginners to established artists. Presented annually, winning recipients receive:

- ★ A spot in the Summer **Barnstone Method Intensive: Foundation In Drawing & Design with Roger Brinker** – Live via Zoom 10-week course (10 total classes) – *Value \$1,500*
- ★ Expert guidance from a certified Barnstone Master Guide
- ★ A complete Barnstone Success Kit, including:
 - ✧ the classic plaster Perrier bottle
 - ✧ handcrafted red oak calipers
 - ✧ Introduction to Drawing & Design Workbook
 - ✧ and other essential tools for mastering Barnstone Method drawing skills
- ★ **Complete Scholarship package is valued over \$2000!**
- ★ Upon satisfying course requirements, winners will receive a Certificate of Completion

GWENDOLYN STINE

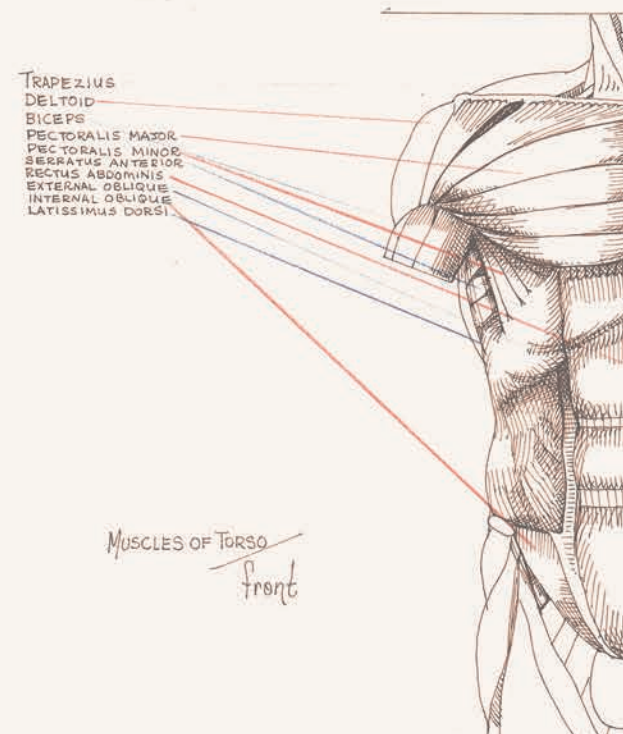


SCHOLARSHIP



“Point to point relationships...infinite possibilities. With a firm understanding of Dynamic Symmetry and my use of the Golden Section, gleaned from my studies with Myron at his much lauded Barnstone Studios, this Science/Math of design forms the foundation of my art; bringing me a solid expression of my understanding of creation. Everything is related. Nothing is arbitrary.”

— Barnstone Alumni Gwendolyn Stine
1960 – 2020



Shows & Events



Barnstone Shows

Art transforms. Being in the presence of the artwork of a master can challenge, change, and inspire all who participate.

Barnstone Studios regularly shows themed collections of Myron's own work. Myron Barnstone met with favorable reviews for his exhibits across Europe: however, when Myron established his educational studios, he made the decision to hide his work for decades, so it would not influence the unique emerging styles of his students. After his passing, these collections of Myron's work have been resurrected, cataloged and studied – Institutions interested in hosting these shows can contact Barnstone Studios directly to negotiate scheduling.

Currently Available Barnstone Shows

- ✦ Traditional Design in Modern Art (a self-guided, interactive tour exploring Classical design systems, with explanations and comparative master artworks in relation to Barnstone's work)
- ✦ Creating Peace in Violent World (a Barnstone Interactive Exhibit based on the Survivors series)
- ✦ Creating Sustainability in an Unstable World (a Barnstone Interactive Exhibit based on the Abstract Nature series)
- ✦ Bodily Impact: The Human Form as Action & Result (a Barnstone Interactive Exhibit based on the Abstract Figurative series)

In addition, special shows featuring the work of Barnstone alumni and master guides are hosted on an ad-hoc basis.





Barnstone Studios Events

Discoveries of the depth and breadth of Myron Barnstone's insight, expertise, and impact continue to this day. Barnstone Studios creates and presents themed events on art appreciation, art history, and art education topics, hosted by Catherine Barnstone (Myron's daughter), Roger Brinker (Senior Instructor & Master Guide) and select members of the Barnstone community. Contact the studio directly for information on hosting an event or requesting a custom event for your organization.



Educational Offerings

Barnstone Method Intensive Courses:

- ✦ [Foundation in Drawing & Design](#)
- ✦ [Fletcher Color Theory & Palette Control](#)
- ✦ [Advanced Figure Drawing & Design](#)

Barnstone Method Workshops:

- ✦ [The Artist Matrix: Your Personal Art Style Profile](#)
- ✦ [Drop-In Drawing – FREE Live Online Workshop](#)

Barnstone Method Lectures:

- ✦ [De-mystifying the Art of Myron Barnstone](#)
- ✦ [Your Artist Heritage and Genealogy](#)



Art Gallery & Art Sales

In the tradition of Myron's own vibrant, light-filled studios in Europe and the United States, today's [Barnstone Gallery & Studio](#) in Thurmont, Maryland is home to Barnstone artworks, hosts educational and art appreciation events, and serves as the bustling hub of the business, supplying collectors and students with original works, prints, art supplies, Barnstone collateral and more.

Open monthly, for special events and by appointment, we encourage you to visit Barnstone Studios soon, and again – you'll experience something fresh and new every time!

[Barnstone Gallery](#) is available for pop-up shows and events. For more information about gallery rental availability, please call or email Cat Barnstone at [301 788-6241](tel:3017886241) or cat.b@barnstonestudios.com

Barnstone Gallery has been made possible by the generosity of Dita Daub, Alumni 1979-1990.

The Barnstone Legacy Project

Cat Barnstone Szafran

When it comes to her father's artistic legacy, Cat Barnstone is a passionate advocate, finding new and innovative ways to share Myron Barnstone's groundbreaking art, and to expand access to his unique approach to classical art education.

Cat grew to adulthood watching the arc of her father's career: his fame as a celebrated master in Europe, his leadership in creating the Barnstone Method and sharing his teaching in an atelier-style studio experience, long before this kind of approach was fashionable. A talented artist and experienced business person in her own right, Cat was happy to bring her exceptional business and organizational skills to assist Myron in growing Barnstone Studios, and ultimately took the lead as Director of Barnstone Art Studios upon his passing.



Catherine ('Cat') Barnstone Szafran, Director, The Barnstone Studios



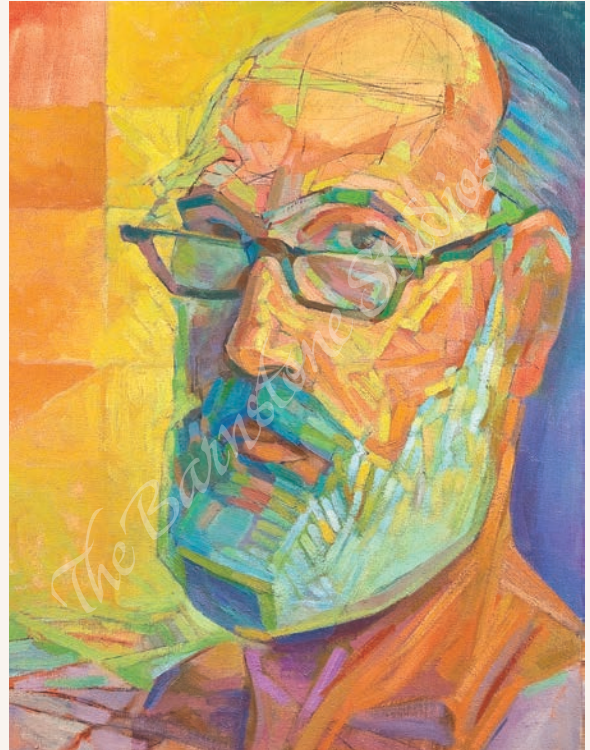
Cat keeps the Barnstone legacy alive and growing vibrantly! She has brought Barnstone into the digital age, ensuring Myron's Barnstone Method self-paced recorded courses are available in multiple ways, as well as tapping Barnstone Senior Master Guides in creating all-new live online educational experiences that expand Barnstone offerings to new audiences, deepening and expanding upon Myron's original courses. Cat has also initiated a special topics series of live and streamed events, weekly free drop-in drawing sessions, and dramatically expanded access to Barnstone Method offerings through her Gwendolyn Stine Scholarship program.

Cat has an immense enthusiasm for the future of Barnstone Studios: "Myron bequeathed an amazing treasure trove of artwork and educational expertise to the greater arts community: my job, as I see it, is to build upon that foundation and launch Barnstone Studios into this next century as a leader in foundational arts education and dynamic art appreciation. I would not have been able to achieve what we have and take advantage of these new opportunities without the amazing Barnstone Community: the incredibly talented alumni, dedicated benefactors, our marvelous Master Guides who are growing the next generation of Barnstone alumni, and of course my amazing Barnstone Studios team. With their support, Barnstone Studios has an amazing future – one of which we hope our readers will become a part!"

Cat Barnstone can be found regularly at Barnstone Studios in Thurmont, Maryland. She encourages anyone interested to reach out to her personally at cat.b@barnstonestudios.com.



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