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Introduction

During our 150-year history, three generations of Voses have been interested in the innovative work of Charles Hopkinson. Our records indicate that the Gallery began handling his paintings early in the 1930s. In 1945, our father and our grandfather together organized a one-man exhibition of twenty portraits and ten watercolors.

Hopkinson constantly challenged himself artistically, creating daring, fresh images. When not working on portraits, he explored and captured landscapes throughout the world. Our exhibition spans over sixty years of his active, successful career, and includes about 100 works, both intimate vignettes of his own family and friends, and landscapes of Massachusetts, Maine, Hawaii, New Zealand and Europe.

A daring visionary, Hopkinson was featured in the 1913 Armory Show and remained a modern force in the Boston art world throughout his career. We hope you will join us to view an exceptional body of work by a multi-faceted talent.

This exhibition would not have been possible without the unbounded enthusiasm and cooperation of the artist's family. Our thanks for their generous contributions and support. Also, we should like to mention that Mrs. Joan Hopkinson Shurtleff and our mother Ann Peterson Vose were classmates at Winsor School in Brookline, Massachusetts. This catalogue was brought to fruition by Anne Schmoll of Vose Galleries; she and the rest of our staff deserve a special note of gratitude for all their extra efforts.

Abbot W. Vose
Robert C. Vose, III
October, 1991

A Tribute to Seth Morton Vose, II and his Family

Somehow, during all the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Vose Galleries, the S. Morton Voses have fallen through the cracks. This has been a major oversight as Mort, Ruthie and Seth played a major role in the gallery during more than half of the 20th Century.

Mort joined the firm in 1931 immediately after graduating from Harvard. He soon began traveling with his father several times to Detroit, but generally to the Southern cities: Atlanta, Charlotte, and Memphis. He brought scholarship to the firm as he was more thoroughly educated than any other family member and his linguistic ability was often useful.

In the early part of his career, each of our salesmen had his own clients. Mort's patience and tact made him the ideal representative to care for eccentric collectors such as James N. B. Hill (buyer of French military paintings by the dozen) and Maxim Karolik, probably the greatest collector of 18th and 19th century paintings during his lifetime. Mort sold over 100 paintings to Mr. Hill and over 50 to Mr. Karolik, in the process compiling enough humorous anecdotes to provide material for several lectures.

After R. C. Vose senior's death in 1964 Mort became President of the firm and served in that position until his retirement in 1976. His major contribution to the firm was an intangible but priceless ingredient. He leaned over backwards to be courteous and fair to everyone, enhancing the gallery's reputation which, after all, is its most valuable asset. He set an example for the rest of us that few can equal.

Ruth Denny Vose

Mrs. Seth Morton Vose II joined the firm when the new gallery at 238 Newbury Street was opened in 1963. She worked on a part-time basis, keeping the books, mailing lists, and many of the other secretarial projects that were essential but too much for Elsie Oliver or Ann Vose to cope with. Ruthie served as Vice-President for a number of years, often filling in to take care of clients. She made many sales by herself during the approximately 12 years she was associated with the gallery. As was the case with Morton, her personality alone was a major asset to the firm.

Seth Morton Vose, III

Seth joined the staff in June, 1974 and made himself useful wherever he was needed, hanging paintings both at the gallery and elsewhere, packing paintings for delivery, and generally keeping the place ship-shape. He completed several projects still in evidence today, such as arranging proper protection for the paintings stored in the racks. Seth retired when his parents did in 1976.

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What makes... an artist? A desire to set down in his own sight, so that he can enjoy them again, the sensations he had when he was impressed with what he calls beauty. To wish to have his work admired leads to exhibitionism and to conceit in his achievement. To balance this is a true reverence for the beauty he sees, a humbleness before nature, a wish to be the servant of beauty...¹

—Charles Hopkinson, 1947

Acclaimed by *Time* magazine in 1948 as the “Dean of U.S. portraitists,” Charles Hopkinson enjoyed a fruitful, critically successful career painting likenesses of some of the most prestigious figures of his time. During an enviably long career spanning almost seventy years, Hopkinson received over 450 portrait commissions, creating a body of work that ran the spectrum from academic officials to financial moguls. Despite the security offered by steady commissions, however, Hopkinson never lost sight of the essential elements of artistic vision. His independent spirit, often constrained by the needs of his sitters, found expression in a desire to be the “servant of beauty.”

True to his own definition, the artist embarked on a lifelong, unrelenting inner search, permitting his nature to evolve in a series of individual, robust watercolors and oil sketches. Hopkinson’s unusual ability to combine the elements of New England’s portrait tradition with an independent, continually evolving pictorial investigation holds him separate as a unique force in the annals of American art.

Charles Hopkinson’s artistic personality began to germinate at a young age. Growing up in then semi-rural Cambridge, Massachusetts, he began, at age ten, to “show [his] interest in depicting life and movement by drawing a picture of the old man with his cows”2 grazing along the edges of the sidewalks near his Craigie Street home. Upon entering Harvard in 1887 Hopkinson began drawing cartoons for the humor magazine *Lampon*, though he “had a feeble idea of proportion and construction, and the human figure had no such appeal to me as did animals . . . and boats and ships.”3 Gradually, Hopkinson began to explore the intricacies of the figure, and in 1891 enrolled at the Art Student’s League in New York City. Studies under John H. Twachtman (1853-1902) and H. Siddons Mowbray (1858-1928) exposed him to the discipline of working from plaster casts, and instilled in him the vital importance of form and proportion. Following in the footsteps of many contemporaries, he then traveled to Paris—accompanied by his new bride, fellow student Angelica Rathbone—and trained at the Academie Julien. Under the tutelage of William-Adolphe Bougereau (1825-1905), he mastered the French academic technique, based on careful modeling of the human form, which became the foundation of his later portraits. Works such as *Portrait of Harriot* (Fig. 1), though completed over twenty years later, demonstrate the more somber modeling espoused by the French schools.

The combination of artistic vitality and tradition found in Europe had a lasting effect on Hopkinson’s development:

> It was not until fully four years later, when an art student in Paris, that after having been to the Louvre several times, I was suddenly struck with the beauty of Titian’s “Man with a Glove” as a work of art. The first time that a picture had interested me as a picture and not as an illustration!4

Travels in Spain and Holland in 1901 exposed the artist to the robust vigor of Franz Hals and the violent palette of El Greco—a dramatic departure from the refined and elegant French style he had studied. Although both artists influenced Hopkinson’s eye, a close association with a Cambridge neighbor, Dr. Denman Ross, profoundly affected the artist’s intellectual approach to art. For the rest of his career, this dual approach—working from both the eye and mind—remained his modus operandi. His artistic decisions always combined both aesthetic and intellectual concerns, and the pleasure he derived from painting was both in the thinking and in the feeling involved.

Ross, a painter, teacher, art critic and collector, introduced Hopkinson to his color theory based on the concept of a ‘set palette’—essentially, a method of organizing pre-mixed color in descending value from light to dark, allowing for consistent application.5 Always open to new theories, methods and experiments, Hopkinson was later stimulated by Carl G. Cutler’s ‘spinning top’ technique, which enabled the user of a motor-spun disk to perceive paint in terms of light rather than pigment. He also worked on his composition using Jay Hambidge’s dynamic symmetry based on the classical Golden Rectangle, and in the 1930s was one of the first among his contemporaries to adopt the long-lost Venetian method of underpainting. Hopkinson used these technical approaches as a means, but not as an end; he adapted them to his needs, employing the various facets of the grammar of art to craft harmonious and beautifully composed works:

2Charles Hopkinson, *My Life as an Artist*, 1951, family collection.
3Ibid.
4Ibid.
And there was nothing pedantic or rigid in his use of these means, for means were all they were, and he modified or broke rules when it suited his intention.6

Spirited and independent, Hopkinson launched his professional career as a portrait painter. His first official commission, in 1897, was to paint the infant Edward Estlin Cummings (later the poet e e cummings). Early commissions came from Cambridge neighbors and friends, and often through the persistence and charm of his second wife, Elinor Curtis. Hopkinson’s close association with his alma mater, Harvard, proved fruitful as well: a 1909 portrait of his uncle Charles William Eliot (1834-1926), president of the college from 1869 to 1909, began a series of 45 portraits of Harvard professors, deans and presidents.

Perhaps the most significant event that established Hopkinson’s career was his selection as one of eight American artists chosen to paint Allied leaders at the Versailles Peace Conference of 1919. World War One had established America as a primary power, and “in art too it had moved to the forefront, as was symbolised when [her] finest portrait painters were sent around the globe to record 22 Allied leaders of the war to end all wars.” The resulting portraits were to form the basis of a national portrait gallery as part of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Versailles War Portraits premiered in 1921 at the Metropolitan Museum in New York before touring 26 cities nationwide and closing two years later at the Baltimore Museum of Art. The general reaction was disappointing, however; critics disparaged the conventionality of the portraits, yet singled out Hopkinson’s work for its “thrilling interest, both on account of the psychological revelation of the personalities and because each is a beautiful piece of decoration.”9

Heralded as a compelling innovator, Hopkinson returned to America and embarked on what he referred to as “big game shooting,” with an impressive and elite clientele “falling prey” to his brush.10 Between the 1920s and 1950s, over 350 commissions kept him busy and financially solvent. At a price of $2,000 to $5,000 apiece, Hopkinson averaged over $30,000 per year, even during the Depression years.11 His sitters, mostly men, included prominent lawyers, philanthropists, bankers and doctors. Among his most noted clients were Calvin Coolidge, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Oliver Wendell Holmes, who, upon seeing Hopkinson’s over life-sized standing portrait, remarked: “How did the damned little cuss do it?”12

6Cox, p. 50.
8Platt, p. 147.
10Charles Hopkinson, My Life as an Artist.
12Hopkinson, My Life as an Artist.
For Hopkinson, creating a portrait involved much more, both intellectually and aesthetically, than simply crafting an accurate likeness; it entailed creating from within "a sensation of life," while enhancing dramatic visual interest:

*I think a portrait must be a likeness; I take that for granted. But no portrait will live which does not have a fine pictorial design. . . . No picture is really good which has not the element of design.*

The "adventure" of creation began when a sitter entered the artist's studio—located in 1903 at 5 Park Street, then from 1904 onwards at studio number 403 in Fenway Studios in Boston. Wearing a wide-brimmed hat, the artist worked from a rickety table about twelve feet from the canvas, piled with rubes and bottles. On his large palette, seemingly in contrast to his meticulous painting method, "ridges of piled-up pigment on the periphery [had] gradually encroached upon the mixing surface, reducing it to . . . a very restricted area." Hopkinson would scrutinize his sitter, who was seated on a platform, "then trudge twelve feet to put in the appropriate brush-stroke, then trudge back, and mix colors anew . . . . An intermittent conversation between sitter and painter, though at times vague and wandering, had the desired effect of bringing life and character to the sitter's face."

A highly physical, vigorous painter who likened the tension involved to that of a "violent game," Hopkinson began his portraits with pencil experiments, followed by preliminary exploratory painting. He developed the head and torso in white, black and Indian red, then added coloration in layers of transparent glazes. Hopkinson chose only hues of "strong tinting power and permanence," predetermined according to his well-studied color theories. Throughout his career, he gradually moved from the more subdued and close tonal range of *Happy Blowing Bubbles* [Fig. 2] to the chromatic vibrancy of *Portrait of Elinor (Nell) Halsted* [Fig. 3].

Feeling and thinking simultaneously, Hopkinson approached each portrait as "a fresh and novel problem in painting and psychology alike." His portraits were not mirror reflections, but inner reflections of a personality, captured with a keen sense of overall harmonious design, both in tone and form:

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14. Ibid.

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13-N | *Fig. 2* *Happy Blowing Bubbles* (Harriot Hopkinson)  
Oil on Canvas, 30 x 25 inches  
Signed lower left, dated 1910  
[A portrait] should have a pattern of shapes and areas and lines, of gestures and masses and contrasts of light and dark, of harmonies and contrasts of color.\textsuperscript{20}

Although commissioned work filled most of Hopkinson’s disciplined daily routine, he frequently explored new theories and techniques by painting his family and himself. Almost 70 self-portraits remain extant, the first completed at about age twenty, the last at 92. Hopkinson was sensitive to the transient, delicate moods of children; to him, a child was “like painting what is lovely in a landscape or in a flower.”\textsuperscript{21} His wife and daughters were thus a convenient and constantly fascinating source of inspiration. As one of his daughters remembers:

When I was little, I thought all children had artist fathers, and every child had to sit still while fathers painted them. One or another of us five daughters

\textsuperscript{19}Boston Evening Transcript, April, 26 1921.
\textsuperscript{20}Charles Hopkinson, \textit{An Artist at Work}
\textsuperscript{21}Charles Hopkinson, “The Portrait Painter and his Subject,” p. 75.
\textsuperscript{22}Isabella Hopkinson Halsted, May 24, 1991 interview with Anne W. Schmoll
\textsuperscript{23}Boston Herald, April, 1910.
in 1945 featured twenty portraits; "it was, of course, a brilliant show, glowing with color and quivering with life."24 Less well-received, however, were his portraits of women, which prompted a critic to remark that "when it comes to the ladies, he makes them look good and not dangerous."25 In his own defense, Hopkinson noted:

... if emphasis of peculiarities is necessary to making a likeness, how is a painter to emphasize the feminine beauty which Nature has already put in the woman? It is there already in its perfection. Think of all the portraits of beautiful women that artists have tried to make. How much finer and more moving are the plain women by Rembrandt?26

That Hopkinson's innovative, distinctive portraits were so universally praised is even more noteworthy when one considers the provincial artistic tradition and confining mentality prevalent in Boston at the time. Beginning in the 1870s, a group of artists, with the Boston Museum School as their creative focus, sought to "preserve and preach a cult of beauty and refinement,"27 creating images of privileged leisure, fine breeding, and impeccable taste. Hopkinson, "instinctively drawn toward those men who were working outside the limits of the Boston code,"28 shifted the focus from a figure as part of a decorative, orchestrated interior to a study of real, vital character. Boston School members, led by William Paxton and Edmund Tarbell, faced with his robust pictorial energy, "felt him to be a rebel—and gave him a very cold shoulder, indeed, virtually ignoring him."29 Undeterred, Hopkinson never wavered from his constant experimentation, and seemed inclined towards the more advanced methods of painting developing in New York. In 1913, his alignment with radical trends led to one of the highlights of his career: inclusion in the historic Armory

24 Boston Globe, review by 'Uncle Dudley,' February 3, 1945.
25 New York Sun, review by Henry McBride, May, 1925.
26 Charles Hopkinson, An Artist at Work.

16-N Five in the Afternoon
Oil on Canvas, 69 x 115 inches
Signed lower left, dated 1926
Painted on the terrace of the Hopkinson house, "Five in the Afternoon" depicts, from left to right, the five Hopkinson daughters: Eleanor (Elly), Isabella (Ibby), Mary (Mady), Harriot (Happy), and Joan.
juxtapositions. Ever experimenting, Hopkinson used both transparent and opaque hues, and both angular and fluent strokes, as in *Diamond Head* [Fig. 5]. Visually abbreviating a scene, Hopkinson condensed sea, sky, rocks and trees into quasi-abstract expressions. In *Silhouette of Dana Island*, [Fig. 4] for example, flecks of precocious red imply a fall tree, while more opaque washes capture the solidity of the rock. Determined to capture the "unpaintable," the ephemeral atmosphere of nature, he crafted high-keyed, vigorous compositions that recalled the chromatic patterns of Pierre Bonnard and John Marin. His fresh, pure color and eruptive brushwork implied practice and discipline, for "to acquire this peculiar stenographic brevity has taken the practice, the probity, the watchfulness of decades."  

Hopkinson was reluctant to sell his watercolors, being such personal and pleasurable reflections of his artistic soul. The artist did, however, widely exhibit in both museums and galleries, including the Addison Gallery of American Art, Albright Knox Gallery, Fogg Art Museum, Guild of Boston Artists and Childs Gallery. Although the public sometimes admitted to a "baffled response" to the abstracted, chromatic brilliance of his work, critics were quicker to appreciate his "vigor and spontaneity." Among the numerous and talented young watercolorists in Boston, he was considered the "veritable enfant terrible;" in 1920, along with Marion Monks Chase, Charles Hovey Pepper, Carl Cutler and Harley Perkins, he formed the "Boston Five." Frequently exhibiting together, the artists fostered and supported innovation, encouraging their audience to explore and expand the idea of beauty in art:

> Let us look at all these pictures with an open mind, a will to put ourselves in the artist's place and a desire for free speech in painting as well as in... other human activities. We have had one kind of painting in Boston for so long that many of these pictures seem strange and

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1-E *The Granddaughters—Mary, Alice and Marjorie*  
Oil on Canvas, 30 x 50 inches  
Dated 1952  
Seated from left to right are Mary (Mak) Hopkinson Gibbons' daughters, Mary, Alice and Marjorie, at about ages 20, 16, and 12 respectively. The background shows the lower portion and frame of Charles Hopkinson's painting "Family Group" (Museum of Fine Arts, Boston).  

He opened our eyes to the best in the world around us. He will stay with us while our eyes stay open.³⁰

Anne W. Schmoll
Vose Galleries of Boston, Inc.

Throughout his long, remarkably carefree life, Hopkinson constantly sought to communicate his worship of beauty—be it in the natural world around him or in the honest expressiveness of a child's face. The dual nature of his career, its public and private facets, were united by a humble desire to share a lifetime of joy:

³⁹Thomas Adams, Memorial, October 19, 1962, family collection.
26-A (Fig. 5) Diamond Head
Watercolor, 13 x 20 inches
Signed lower left, circa 1947-52
Chronology

1869 Born July 27 at 5 Phillips Place in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to John Prentiss Hopkinson and Mary Elizabeth (Watson) Hopkinson. Attends the Hopkinson School, established by his father, at 29 Chestnut Street, Boston.

1881 Begins summering at his parents' home in Northeast Harbor, Maine. His uncle and aunt, Harvard President and Mrs. Charles Eliot, live close by.

1887 Graduates from the Hopkinson School.


1889 Spends the summer at Northeast Harbor under the tutelage of a local landscape artist, Frederick W. Kost (1861-1923).

1890 First trip to Europe accompanied by close friends Arthur Brooks and Henry Gardner Vaughn. The three tour England, Scotland, Wales and Holland, and Hopkinson paints a number of small watercolors.

1891 Graduates from Harvard, June. Enters the Art Students' League in New York City, fall. Enrolls in Preparatory Antique Class under John H. Twachtman (1853-1902) and Life Class under H. Siddons Mowbray (1858-1928).

1892 First paintings exhibited at National Academy of Design: Grand Bankers and Beating to Sea in the Morning.


1895 Exhibits portrait at Paris Salon of Angelica holding a monkey in her arms.

1896 Features four paintings in Champs-de-Mars Salon, Paris. Hopkinson and Angelica agree to separate. Hopkinson buys a train ticket to “whatever place [in France] is furthest from Paris,” and joins the Guillaume Bellec family in Roscoff, in the Finistère area of Brittany. Invited to send three portraits to Annual International Exhibition at newly-opened Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh.

1897 Returns to Cambridge and lives with his parents at 22 Craigie Street. Develops painting technique and works on portraits of family and friends. Begins long professional and personal association with next door neighbor Denman W. Ross, a painter, teacher, art critic and collector. Receives first commission: paints one-year-old baby, Edward Estlyn Cummings, later known as e e cummings [Massachusetts Historical Society]. Elected member of the Society of American Artists, which merges into the National Academy of Design in 1906.

1899 Divorce from Angelica is finalized.

1901 Travels to Europe and spends time in Spain visiting the Prado, and in Holland studying the Dutch masters. Awarded Bronze Medal at Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo.

1902 Winters in Roscoff, Finistère, France. Meets Elinor Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greely S. Curtis of Boston and Manchester, Massachusetts.

1903 Marries Elinor at King's Chapel, Boston, March 3. Honeymoon in Britain and Europe. Couple moves into “The Cabot” at 65 Mt. Vernon Street. Hopkinson maintains studio at 5 Park Street, Boston (later owned by Boston painter Hermann Dudley Murphy).

1905 Hopkinsons move into “Sharksmouth,” a summer house on the Greely Stevenson Curtis estate in Manchester, Massachusetts, built for them by Mrs. Curtis. Daughter Mary (Maly) born, September 23.

1906 Winter at Manchester.

1907 Daughter Isabella (Ibby) born, May 8.

1909 Paints first of six portraits of his uncle Charles William Eliot (1834-1926), President of Harvard from 1869 to 1909 [Harvard University].

1910 Daughter Elinor (Elly) born, February 21.

1911 Winter at Manchester.


1915 Awarded Carol H. Beck Gold Medal at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts annual for portrait of daughter Harriot.

1916 John Singer Sargent (1856-1925) visits Sharksmouth during stay in Boston to paint Public Library murals.

1917 Paints Barrett Wendell (1855-1921), Professor of English at Harvard [Harvard University].


1920 Begins twenty-year association with group of watercolorists known as ‘The Boston Five,’ along with Carl Cutler, Marion Monks Chase, Charles Hovey Pepper and Harley Perkins.

1921 Versailles War Portraits premiere at Metropolitan Museum, New York, January 17, then tour country coast-to-coast, stopping in 26 other cities.

1922 First of many exhibits at Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.


1924 Hopkinsons travel to Italy, residing at the Villa Mercedes in Florence.

1926 Awarded Logan Medal at Sesquicentennial Exposition, Philadelphia. Awarded Logan Medal at Chicago Institute of Art for *Family Group.*

1927 Helps found Boston Society of Independent Artists, an organization for younger artists excluded from established galleries.

1929 Paints George Eastman (1854-1932), Eastman Kodak Company founder and president.

1930 Paints first of three portraits of Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935), Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

1933 Hopkinsons travel throughout Egypt. Hopkinson paints ex-President Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) [White House, Washington].


1936 Mr. & Mrs. Hopkinson travel to Banff and Lake Louise, Canada.

1939 Mrs. Hopkinson suffers a heart attack; to speed recovery, she and Charles, accompanied by daughter Joan, spend most of the winter in Bermuda.

1940 First of several short trips to Cornish, New Hampshire, residing with landscape architect Arthur A. Shurtleff.

1941 Elected to American Academy of Arts and Letters.

1943 *Meet the Artist* exhibition of self-portraits at de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco.

1945 Nine watercolors and twenty oil portraits featured at Vose Galleries, Boston, January 2 through 20. Proceeds from the sale of watercolors given to War Charities.

1947 Mrs. Hopkinson suffers a fatal heart attack, November 5.

1948 First of four annual trips to New Zealand to visit daughter Harriot and her husband, Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand Alfred Rive.

1950 Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

1953 Spends several weeks with daughter Harriot and her husband Alfred in Kingston, Ontario.

1955 Elected to Harvard Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

1962 Charles Hopkinson dies at age 93, October 16, at Beverly Hospital, Massachusetts. Memorial services at the Cambridge First Parish Church.
Exhibition History

Accademia, Venice, Italy
1930s and 1940s: Biennale Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts
1931, 1932, 1935, 1941, 1942

Albright Knox Gallery, Buffalo, New York
1906, 1911, 1915, 1918, 1920-1928, 1931, 1936

Alexander Gallery, Boston
circa 1905

Arden Studios, New York City
1935

Art Institute of Chicago
Annual Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture by American Artists:
1897, 1900, 1901-04, 1907, 1908, 1910-1912,

Annual Exhibition of Watercolors by American Artists:
1909, 1910, 1912, 1915, 1921-1923, 1925-1932,
1935, 1942

Baltimore Museum of Art
1923 Exhibition of War Portraits, May 10-June 3

Boston Art Association Gallery
circa 1920s, 1930s

Boston Art Club
1919, 1920, 1923-26, 1929

Boston Athenaeum
1982

Boston Society of Independent Artists
1935, 1948

Brooklyn Museum

Brooks Reed Gallery [Formerly Walter Kimball Gallery]
1912-1923

Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts
1956

Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh
Annual Pittsburgh International Exhibition of Contemporary Art:
1896, 1898-1900, 1903-1905, 1907, 1909, 1910,
1922-1926, 1931, 1933-1940, 1943-1949

Century Association, New York City
1952, 1953

Champs-de-Mars Salon, Paris, France
1896

Childs Gallery, Boston
1950, 1951-1953, 1956-1959

Concord Art Association, Concord, Massachusetts
1917

Copley Gallery, Boston
1921, 1925, 1926

Copley Society, Boston
1914, 1920, 1923, 1979

Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
1907, 1910, 1911, 1914-1917, 1921-1924, 1926
1928, 1930-1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943,
1953

Danforth Museum, Framingham, Massachusetts
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18-A *Dana Island*  
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Awards

Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, New York: Bronze Medal (1901)
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Memberships

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American Watercolor Society
Boston Art Club
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Massachusetts Historical Society
National Institute of Arts and Letters

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