

Illinois Watercolor Society

2026 Members Exhibition

June 20 - August 1, 2026

Free public reception: Friday, June 26



Mr. Soul Returns by Tony Armendariz

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HIGHLAND PARK, IL- The Art Center Highland Park welcomes a historic group of watercolor artists for a legendary summer exhibition.

This show will feature members of the Illinois Watercolor Society, a group that is celebrating over 40 years of history on the North Shore. This show will feature the height of the Society's talent, with artworks being available for purchase in a six-week showcase throughout The Art Center's gallery spaces.

Established in 1981, the **Illinois Watercolor Society's** mission has been to advance the education and caliber of watercolor painting throughout Illinois. The Society's inaugural exhibition was held at the **Redfield Estate at The Grove** in Glenview, Illinois in 1982, a cottage on a vast 123 acres of prairie land, now designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior. In 1982, it became a venue for the Society to introduce themselves to the world by covering the cottage walls with watercolor paintings.



The Art Center Highland Park
1957 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

Over four decades later, the Society now chooses to hold its **crowning exhibition** at The Art Center Highland Park. On display you will find a variety of watercolor techniques: direct, indirect, collage, transparent, and opaque methods. Other water soluble mediums make an appearance in these paintings, including gouache, acrylic, and ink.

Notable artists who have benefited from the Society's workshops include **Zoltan Szabvo, Nita Engel, and Tom Lynch**. The Art Center Highland Park is proud to showcase this historic group that has inspired many people throughout the years and contributed to the artistic legacy of the North Shore.

About The Art Center: The Art Center Highland Park is a not-for-profit cultural destination that provides inclusive programs, exhibitions and classes to ignite passion for the arts and foster self-expression, dialogue and community engagement. The Art Center offers year round classes that serve thousands of students of all ages and skill levels. From classes to exhibitions, The Art Center acts as a hub of cultural and artistic discovery for the communities of the North Shore.

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