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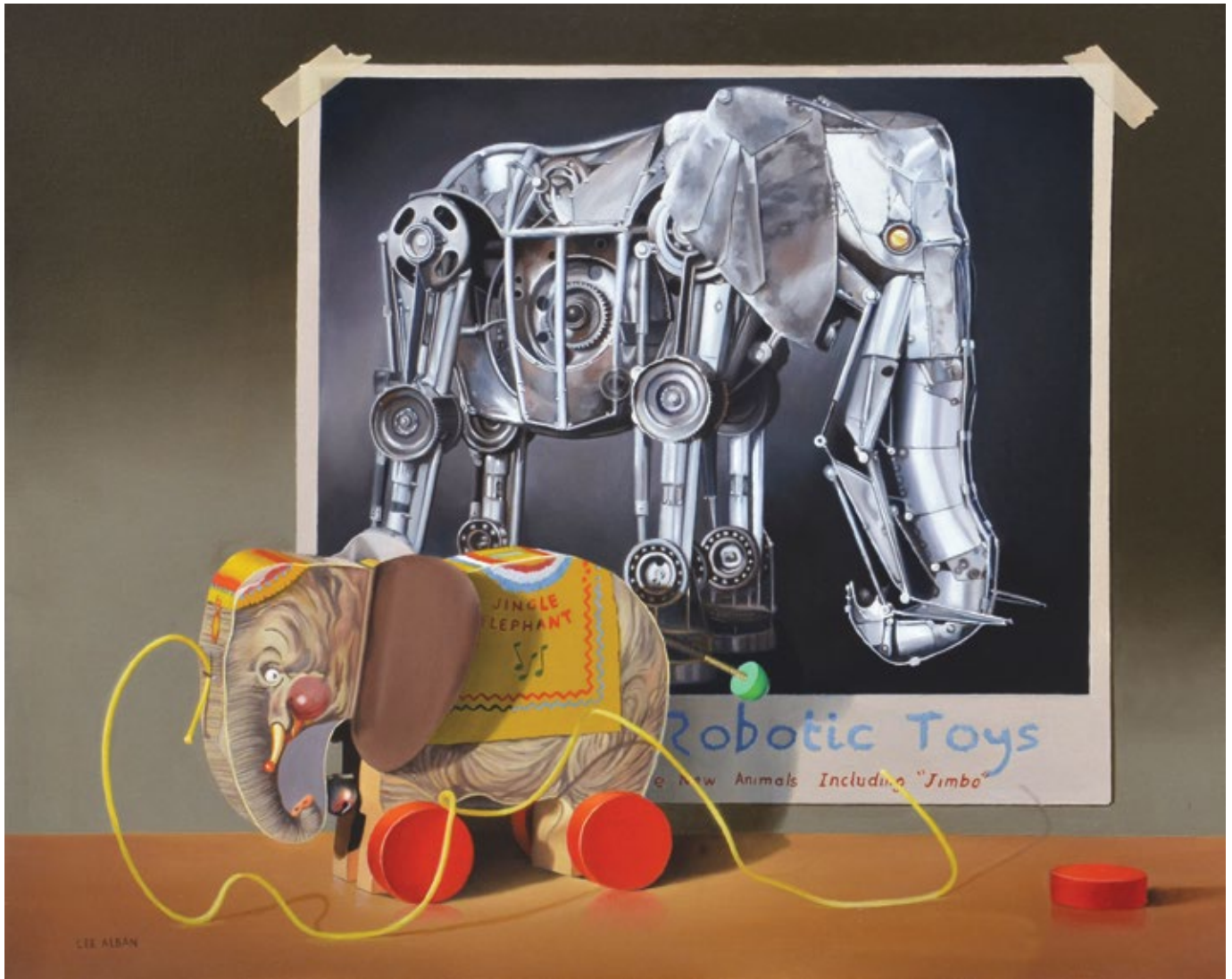
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OCTOBER ART SHOW PREVIEW

Honoring a Tradition

The inaugural American Society of Traditional Artists' Annual Show & Sale gets under way October 8.



Lee Alban, *No Longer Relephant*, oil on panel, 16 x 20"

October 8 through November 10, the American Society of Traditional Artists (ASTA) will debut its *Annual Show & Sale* at Open Range Gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona. "The American Society of Traditional Artists was formed

to showcase the talent of many professional fine artists of today through the promotion of their art in an annual event," says the society's founder and artist **Ed Copley**. "ASTA goals are to recognize the best traditional realist artists of today by creating

exhibitions and sale opportunities to our talented members."

As part of the five-week event, there will be a Red Carpet Opening Celebration on October 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. where visitors will have the chance to meet participating artists. On October

13 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. is the Auction & Awards Gala with an preview taking place 6:30 to 7 p.m. and the auction from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sale proceeds will benefit educational programs in art therapy with the Arizona Art Alliance.



Ed Copley, *What Visions I Have Seen*, oil on linen, 62 x 32"

Immediately following the auction is the awards ceremony where artists will have the chance to receive awards in several categories including Members, Honorary Members and Special Theme – Mythology. On display will be more than

130 paintings by 40 of the group's members; pieces range in subject matter and scale for a diverse mix of works. Among the artists participating are Copley, **Joan Essex Johnson**, **Sherry Blanchard Stuart**, and **R. Geoffrey Blackburn**.

SHERRY BLANCHARD STUART



16x16

"Vaquero"

oil on canvas

Scottsdale ASTA Annual Show & Sale
October 8 – November 10, 2012

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“The artists showing in this exhibition and sale demonstrate that traditions are still very much alive. Each artist lives in today’s world with a variety of contemporary lifestyles. You will notice that each portrays their subject matter uniquely—no one artist makes a redundant statement or paints in the same manner of another,” notes Copley. “You will also notice impressionist and academic works as well as some that fall between the two. These artists also represent a wide range of professional experience, some from five to 50 years, as well as a wide range of personal beliefs and values.” ●

American Society of Traditional Artists’ Annual Show & Sale

When: Oct. 8-Nov. 10, 2012; Red Carpet Opening Celebration, October 11, 6 to 9 p.m.; Auction & Awards Gala, October 13, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: Open Range Gallery, 7077 E. Main Street, Suites 9 & 10, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Information: www.ASTArtists.com

Clockwise from top left:
Jen Toplak, *Biblis*, oil on linen, 36 x 56"

Vala Ola, *Dash and Grandeur*, oil on canvas, 24 x 36"

Mark Thompson, *Violin with Silk Tapestry*, egg tempera on panel, 27¼ x 20¾"