



John Lackey is an acclaimed painter and printmaker who has been making art for the past 40 years in Lexington, Kentucky, where he was born and raised. Silas House interviewed him on December 29, 2024, to gather an oral history on the art community in Lexington over the last four decades. In our oral history Mr. Lackey talked about his painting and the work of many other painters in the city who have made a vibrant legacy of art. Our interview took place in Mr. Lackey's studio in downtown Lexington. His studio is full of bright natural light that cascades in through long windows, offering a perfect work environment for him to see each color clearly as he works on his paintings. Mr. Lackey is a keenly intelligent man who frequently cracks "Dad jokes" and exhibits a

deep empathy for others. He enjoys fostering the talents of young artists and says that his chief goal is to bring more beauty into the world.

(Note the way his portrait fills the entire frame with his face and shoulders.)