

R.L. Tucker Fine Art — Press Kit

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About the Artist

Short bio

Ronald Tucker is a figurative painter based in Norfolk, Virginia, working in oil and soft pastel. He paints the human figure with a focus on grace, stillness, and presence. His work is currently on view in *Jazz Got Loose*, a juried exhibition at the Gallery at the Attucks.

Long bio

Ronald Tucker is a figurative oil painter and illustrator based in Norfolk, Virginia, who also works extensively in soft pastel. He works under the name R.L. Tucker Fine Art.

Ronald came to painting alongside a career in the Navy and in technology. That background shows in his patient, deliberate process: layered color, careful observation, and figures that hold the viewer's attention through posture and gaze rather than spectacle.

His current series, *Figures of Grace*, centers on women in moments of reflection and quiet confidence. In 2026, his work, *Jazz Impression in Magenta*, was accepted into *Jazz Got Loose*, a juried exhibition presented by Norfolk Arts at the Gallery at the Attucks, his first juried show.

Ronald lives and works in Norfolk. Original works and archival prints are available at rltucker.com/shop.

Artist Statement

My goal in painting is to capture the figure in moments where grace, dignity, beauty, and passion are displayed. I'm drawn to posture, to the tilt of a head, the weight of a hand in motion, the delicate balance of strength and fluidity in the dancer.

Working in oil and soft pastel, I build color slowly, in layers, until the figure feels present rather than posed. My subjects are often painted with dignity and a sense of ease, as opposed to the narratives of struggle and conflict often attached to art with Black figures. I want viewers to slow down, immerse themselves in the subject's world, and let go of their tensions, if only briefly.

Current Exhibition

Ronald’s work is on view in *Jazz Got Loose*, a juried exhibition presented by Norfolk Arts at the Gallery at the Attucks, Attucks Theatre, 1010 Church St., Norfolk, VA 23510.

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Exhibition	<i>Jazz Got Loose</i> (juried)
Juror	Delegate Jackie Hope Glass
Venue	Gallery at the Attucks, Attucks Theatre, Norfolk, VA
Dates	October 2026 through April 2027
Opening reception	October 30, 2026, 5 to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public
Jazz Impression in Magenta	Loose watercolor and ink study of a jazz singer

Selected Works

Three soft pastel originals from the *Figures of Grace* series, each available as an original and as archival prints.

Title	Medium	Size (in)	Shop page
After the Dance	Soft pastel on paper	14 × 18	View
Golden Lady	Soft pastel on canvas board	12 × 18	View
Lady of Spring	Soft pastel on paper	14 × 18	View

High-resolution images available on request.

Quick Facts and Contact

Name	Ronald Tucker (R.L. Tucker Fine Art)
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Based in	Norfolk, Virginia
Media	Oil, soft pastel, ink and watercolor
Focus	Figurative work; <i>Figures of Grace</i> series
Background	U.S. Navy veteran
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