

## *About the Artist*

Steven Polson has spent his 25-year career pursuing his passion for drawing and portraiture. At age 16 he began formal study at the Art Students' League in New York City, going on to receive a Fine Arts degree in 1984 from the Cooper Union for the Advancement for Science and Art. He has won recognition for his painting, including the prestigious Allied Artists of America Gold Medal of Honor.

Polson's portraiture is steeped in the traditions of the Old Masters, whom he greatly admires. He employs classical compositions and palettes to capture the character of each sitter.

Portraits recently completed by the artist include those of Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell for the State Department, as well as the official portrait of Donald Rumsfeld for the Department of Defense. In 2004 the Senate commissioned Polson to paint a posthumous portrait of Robert F. Wagner for the Senate Reception Room in the Capitol. Presently, Polson teaches at the Grand Central Academy in New York City and has instructed at the renowned Pratt Institute and Art Students' League.

The artist lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, with his wife, Lori, and their two children, Benjamin and Jessie.