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**Barnstone Studios ‘Home is Where the ART Is’
Makes Fine Art Pieces Accessible for Everyone**
Interest-Free Installment Plan Gives Patrons Up to a Year to Pay

Thurmont, MD, December 7, 2018 -- If you want to start or add to your personal collection of original artwork, but you’re short on cash, Barnstone Studios in Thurmont, Maryland, has a solution. Studio Director Catherine “Cat” Barnstone Szafran today announced the launch of “Home is Where the ART Is,” an interest-free installment payment plan that gives patrons up to a year to purchase an original piece by the late Myron Barnstone.

“Myron dedicated his life to teaching thousands of students the fundamentals of classical drawing,” Szafran said. “He helped them get over \$4 million in scholarships with the portfolios they created. Myron understood that loving fine art, and having the funds to purchase it, don’t necessarily go hand in hand.” Through Home is Where the ART Is, said Szafran, even students will have the opportunity to start their own fine art collection.

Before he opened Barnstone Studios in Coplay, Pennsylvania in the early 70s, Barnstone himself had been a celebrated artist with an internationally-lauded exhibit in Paris. He grew frustrated, though, that the highly disciplined fundamentals of drawing passed down by the masters were being cast aside in contemporary art schools in favor of “just doing what you feel.”

Barnstone made the tough decision to switch from painting to teaching, and doing his part to pass classical traditions on to new generations of fledgling artists. To keep from unduly influencing his students with his own unique style, he archived 500 original paintings and drawings that would remain hidden from public view until after Barnstone’s death in 2016 at the age of 83.

Szafran was inspired to create Home is Where the ART Is after she started unveiling the original works her father kept locked away for over 50 years, and seeing the reaction from Barnstone alumni, and the general public. During a 5-month revolving exhibit at ArtistAngle Gallery in Frederick, Maryland earlier this year, the first time many of Barnstone’s works had been viewed by the public, Szafran was deluged with requests to purchase original works and prints. She created an exhibit catalogue, which featured many of the pieces displayed, and it, too, was quickly in demand.

“With Home is Where the ART Is,” said Szafran, “we simply take the total price of the artwork, including taxes and shipping, and divide by however many months you want in your plan, up to a year. We set up a monthly payment plan, and the art stays here at the gallery until it is paid off.” There are no extra fees, unless a plan is canceled. For more information, or to view available Barnstone artwork,

visit BarnstoneStudios.com or call (301) 788-6241. New images will be available monthly.

Barnstone Studios at 202A East Main Street, Thurmont, MD, 21788, is dedicated to fostering an appreciation of fine art, and helping to make classical art education accessible to all who desire to develop their talent and enrich their lives. BarnstoneStudios.com.



Kaleidoscope Dance by Myron Barnstone, London, 1972
Acrylic on paper; 29" x 21"