

William E. Winner (1815-1883)

William E. Winner was born in 1815 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and lived there for the entirety of his life except for a brief period in 1848 when he traveled to Charleston, South Carolina. He is known not only for his masterful portraits of distinguished individuals, but also for his landscape, genre, religious and history paintings. Winner was an honorary member of the National Academy of Design and a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Society of Artists [Philadelphia]. In his lifetime, Winner exhibited frequently at the Pennsylvania Academy and also exhibited at the Boston Atheneum, the National Academy of Design, the Apollo Association and the American Art Union. He died in 1883 at the age of 64.

Winner's work can be found in a number of important collections including the National Gallery of Art, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Pennsylvania Academy, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.