

# Meyer Fine Art Gallery Presents: "Robert Duncanson and his Courageous Southern Travels"

*A landmark exhibition of forgotten American landscapes by Robert S. Duncanson (1821-1872), one of the most accomplished African-American artists, is now open.*

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA, July 31, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Meyer Fine Art Gallery](https://www.meyersfineart.com/) proudly announces the unveiling of a landmark exhibition, "Robert Duncanson and his Courageous Southern Travels," showcasing the mesmerizing [paintings](#) of Robert S. Duncanson (1821-1872), a renowned Black Hudson River School artist. The exhibition, curated by esteemed art historian Michael F. Meyer, is now open to the public at Meyer Fine Art Gallery, located at 1015 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22401, United States.



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Robert Duncanson's captivating landscape paintings, which vividly depict the American South before the Civil War, have been forgotten by history, until now. In this unprecedented exhibition, the gallery offers a rare opportunity to explore Duncanson's courageous journey through the antebellum South, presenting over 40 impeccable works that have never been exhibited or researched before.

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Through meticulous attention to detail, Duncanson's paintings come alive, offering viewers a glimpse into the intricate beauty of nature and the poignant stories he sought to communicate. Notably, many of

his American scenes include imagery related to the Underground Railroad, hinting at the possibility that he may have used his art to aid enslaved individuals in their journey to freedom.

Michael Meyer's research reveals Duncanson's involvement with the abolitionist cause, having lived in Mount Healthy, Ohio, one of America's strongest abolitionist communities, he donated paintings to support the Underground Railroad's efforts, and it is believed, even housed runaway slaves in his home. Duncanson's commitment to freedom would eventually drive him on a perilous journey through the South, capturing breathtaking landscapes and historically significant landmarks along the way.

The exhibition also highlights Duncanson's thought-provoking paintings of the passages to the North, sometimes telling the stories of escaped slaves and often utilizing the imagery and code words of the Underground Railroad. Jacob Cummings, an enslaved man who bravely walked to freedom from Chattanooga, Tennessee is featured in one of Duncanson's monumental paintings titled "Lookout Mountain Crossing the Tennessee River at Chattanooga." The artist depicts Cummings' escape with incredible detail, showcasing significant landmarks and imagery found in Cummings' own first hand account of his escape.

"Robert Duncanson and his Courageous Southern Travels" is a national treasure that sheds light on black history, bringing attention to the importance of Duncanson's works in the broader narrative of American art. The exhibition is a testament to the artist's unique code of subject and his deep concern for the plight of his brethren.



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"We are honored to present this extraordinary exhibition that highlights the forgotten legacy of Robert S. Duncanson," says Michael F. Meyer, owner of Meyer Fine Art Gallery. "His paintings are a poignant reminder of the struggles and triumphs of the past, and they hold great significance for our understanding of American history. This exhibition represents over 20 years of dedicated research and admiration for Duncanson's art."

The exhibition, "Robert Duncanson and his Courageous Southern Travels," is now open to the public until September 14, and visitors can experience the breathtaking landscapes created by this visionary artist. The gallery's opening hours are Wednesday to Saturday, from 11 am to 7 pm, or by appointment. Admission to the exhibition is free of charge, and all are encouraged to immerse themselves in the beauty and historical significance of Robert S. Duncanson's Southern American landscapes.

About Meyer Fine Art Gallery:

Meyer Fine Art Gallery is a [leading art space](#) in Fredericksburg, Virginia, dedicated to showcasing outstanding historical and contemporary art. The gallery is committed to fostering appreciation and conservation of exceptional art of the past, while focusing on and providing a platform for artists whose work possesses profound artistic significance.

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