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SUSAN BOONE DURKEE

PAINTING PORTRAITS AND CAPTURING SPIRITS



The Artist working in the Studio

The ability to capture the unique spirit of an individual on canvas is a challenge that award-winning portrait artist Susan Boone Durkee has mastered. "Portraiture is all about love and respect. Once that catch light is perfectly placed in the eyes, the portrait comes alive... forever... becoming a cherished heirloom. There is a spiritual nature to portraiture, the more the artist is open and truthful, the more the portrait flows, almost like you're an instrument playing to capture the spirit and likeness."

Over her 25 plus years of commissioned portraiture, Susan has painted many famous individuals: Paul Newman, Mrs. Ban Ki-moon, New

York Yankees legend, Mariano Rivera, former Supreme Court Judge, John Paul Stevens, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Malcolm Baldrige, and Congressman James Collins. She was recently commissioned by the prestigious preparatory school, Choate Rosemary Hall, to paint Phoebe Dey, the wife of a former headmaster.

"The Dey family, along with present and future Choate generations, shall ever be the beneficiaries of your accurate and sensitive portrayal of dear Phoebe. And the most important tribute came from your subject's first reaction to seeing her portrait, "I could not be more pleased!" Charles F. Dey, former headmaster, Choate Rosemary Hall

A sampling of her past clients includes: UST



Phoebe Dey, Collection Choate Rosemary Hall



Hannah, oil on linen, Private Collection

Inc., Baylor University Medical Center, Standard Oil of CT, Johns Hopkins University, Pro Football Hall of Fame, United States Court of Appeals of the 7th Circuit, and The Cancer Research Institute.

The process of commissioning a portrait with Susan is simple, she will guide you step by step, through all the details and considerations. Susan's home and studio, *The Lobster Pot*, is located in Redding on property once owned (and named) by Mark Twain. *

To see more artwork by Susan Boone Durkee, visit: www.SusanDurkee.com

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