

Robert Bean Biography

At the age of six, on a visit to the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, Robert was so moved by what he saw that he decided then and there to become an artist. He remembers it clearly to this day and hasn't changed his mind

Since then, although there have been many twists and turns on his life's checkered path, he has always considered art as his primary driving force. Robert, a multi-talented man, has been a college scholarship athlete; (as a Syracuse University art major), a singer, soldier, cartoonist, TV entertainer and MC, painter, animator, director of countless award-winning commercials, rancher, architectural designer, (designed and built the outstanding Alize' Villa on Barnes Bay and was deeply influential in the design of Cap Juluca) Bob is a film director, sailor, and screenwriter. He wrote and developed "The Natural" starring Robert Redford and the film "Made For Each Other" garnering 'top ten' ratings from six major film critics and numerous international and national awards, including the Kodak Best Cinematography Award. Bob has directed scores of top celebrities, sports stars and notables during his filming career. Many have rented his remarkable villa; Robert DeNiro numerous times, and actress Kate Winslett even had her wedding there.

Mr. Bean's love of portraiture is evidenced by his work hanging in the homes of many distinguished persons. His travels and experiences have taken him far and wide, offering much opportunity for painting, sketching, photography and collecting, of which he took full advantage. "Bob" feels that the unusual variety and richness of his experiences have affected his work to great advantage. Though primarily self-taught, his life-long study of great art and artists continuously nourishes the development of his talents. His eclectic life journey is reflected in the breadth of styles and subjects from deeply traditional to non-objective and abstract works in a variety of media. He is truly a renaissance man.