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Artist Christopher Rigney to Create “Live Portrait Experience” at 2015 Peekskill Open Studios

During the Open Studio weekend N. Christopher Rigney will be painting quick study portraits on a walk in basis at the Flatz Building, 1008 Main Street. All that is required of the sitter is to walk in and share a bit of their time.

This idea is the brain child of Chris Rigney, and described on his blog, procrastinatingtillthursday.wordpress.com. With the support and encouragement of Maureen Winzig, President of the Peekskill Art Alliance and Monica Flaherty, Founder of The Flatz Properties, Mr. Rigney will democratize the portrait painting experience. This is a unique opportunity for attendees of Peekskill Open Studios 2015 to have their portrait painted, and for others to watch the process unfold.

These oil portraits will be done alla prima, all in one sitting, painting wet into wet to capture the personality and character of the sitter quickly. With the natural light from the store front windows of the Flatz Building you'll be able to see the lighting change throughout the day in the oil sketches. All of the portraits painted over the weekend will be display as they are completed, so that people can experience the individually of the sitters.

Christopher received his BFA from Emerson College, as well as a degree in Trompe l'oeile from Institut Guegan in France. Additional information about Rigney can be found at his website: <http://www.rigney-christopher.com>

For more information about the events at The Flatz during Peekskill open studios, visit: www.theflatz.com/openstudios.

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