

"My work has been eclectic because I love the contradictions in the world around me, and the richness of those experiences."

- Easton Pribble

Wilfred Easton Pribble used architectural lines and bright colors to create precisionist-inspired American landscapes, both rural and urban. A successful painter, with a long teaching career, his work was influenced by European modernists like Paul Cézanne and Henri Matisse.

Pribble was born in Falmouth, Kentucky on July 31,1917 to parents Louise Parker and Thaddeus S. Pribble, and spent most of his childhood in southern Indiana. He studied art at the University of Cincinnati, School of Applied Arts, and after finishing his studies served in the US Army during World War II. After the war Pribble moved to New York City where he began exhibiting works at the Pinacotheca Gallery and the Alan Gallery. He also worked for Henry Heydrenryk, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious framing companies, founded in 1845 in Amsterdam. Pribble was a consultant and designer of hand-made frames at Heydrenryk for eight years.

A trip to Italy in the early1950s greatly influenced Pribble's artistic style and caused him to briefly abandon representational work in favor of the abstract. This was short-lived, however after his return to the Midwest landscapes that stirred him in his youth, he resumed his figural style of painting.

In 1954 Pribble received a working fellowship at the Saratoga Springs artist's community, Yaddo. In his time there he further explored landscapes, which would remain a favorite theme for the rest of his life. His work from this period was strongly influenced by an appreciation of Cézanne's landscapes. This style may be seen both in his painting Pine Woods, which is part of the Whitney Museum of American Art collection, as well as May, Ripley County, Indiana that hangs at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. The various landscapes of the places Pribble called home and traveled to were frequently the subjects of his canvases – from Southern Indiana to upstate New York to Maine.

Pribble's long and successful teaching career began in 1954. He was an Instructor in painting, drawing, and art history at Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute for forty-five years. He was also dedicated to peace activism and social justice.

Pulling from European modernists and Post-Impressionists in his work, Pribble at first creatively struggled with what he was taking from other artists and what was his own. He came to terms with his own style later in life, "I know there are dozens of influences in my present work, but I honestly feel that I finally digested them. I don't worry about influences any more. Whatever the influences were they have now become so thoroughly a part of me and my lifetime that I can work unselfconsciously." [1]

As many artists before and since have done Pribble sought to convey on canvas his interpretation of the American landscape. Using a "strong structural armature to organize his paintings" [2] in combination with decades of repeated visits to the same sites he was able to bring to us his particular view of America.

Footnotes: [1] Easton Pribble: Paintings and Drawings Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute [2] Ibid

Chronology

1917 Born in Falmouth, Kentucky July 31

1937-41 Studied art at University of Cincinnati, School of Applied Arts

1942-45 Fought in World War II

1946 Moved to New York City

1946-1955 Worked for Henry Heydrenryk, NY

1950-51 Traveled in Italy, France, and Belgium

1954-55 & 1968 Working fellowship at Yaddo, in Saratoga Springs

1954-57 Taught private art classes in New York

1957-2002 Instructor in painting, drawing, and art history at Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute School of Art

1961 & 1971 Returned to Europe

2003 Died January 24

Collections (Selected)

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC

Fallingwater, Mill Run, PA

Monhegan Museum of Art, Monhegan, ME

Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute Museum of Art, Utica, NY

Solo Exhibitions (Selected)

The Pinacotheca Gallery, New York, NY

The Charles Alan Gallery, New York, NY

Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute Museum of Art, Utica, NY

The Edward W. Root Art Center, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, NY

Group Exhibitions (Selected)

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD

Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY

Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute Museum of Art, Utica, NY



Easton Pribble
Cove Near Stonington, Maine, 1982
Oil on canvas
24h x 30w in
PRB.038
\$ 3,850.00



Easton Pribble
Preble Cove, Cranberry Island, 1983
Oil on canvas
24h x 32w in
PRB.039
\$ 4,000.00

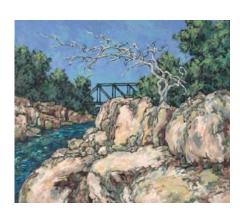


Easton Pribble

Moose River Below Lyonsdale, 1982
Oil on canvas
22h x 32w in
PRB.040
\$ 3,800.00



Easton Pribble
Bunker Head, Cranberry Island, Maine, 1974
Oil on canvas
19 1/4h x 27w in
PRB.042
\$ 3,250.00



Easton Pribble
Ohio Gorge, Herkimer County, 1983
Oil on canvas
26 1/8h x 30 3/16w in
PRB.043
\$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble
Spruce Trees on Cranberry Island, Maine, 1974
Oil on canvas
30 7/16h x 36 1/8w in
PRB.044
\$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble Blue Dusk, 1962 Oil on canvas 30h x 35 1/2w in PRB.045 \$ 3,850.00



Easton Pribble
Barge Canal at Little Falls, No. 2, 1963
Oil on canvas
29 7/16h x 35 5/16w in
PRB.046
\$ 6,800.00



Easton Pribble

Mount Desert From Cranberry Island, 1971
Oil on canvas
20h x 24w in
PRB.054
\$ 2,850.00



Easton Pribble
Mount Pleasant Ridge, 1958
Oil on canvas
29 7/16h x 35 1/2w in
PRB.059
\$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble

Moose RIver Pool at Lyonsdale, 1972
Oil on canvas
18 1/2h x 22 3/4w in
PRB.060
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble Waterfall #2, 1971 Oil on chipboard 18 3/4h x 22 1/2w in PRB.063 \$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble
North Hogan Valley, Aurora, Indiana, 1983
Oil on canvas
23 3/4h x 28 1/8w in
PRB.065
\$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble
Landscape Near Blue Hill, Maine, 1978
Oil on canvas
30h x 36w in
PRB.068
\$ 4,000.00



Easton Pribble
The First Suburban View, 1984
Oil on canvas
30 1/16h x 36w in
PRB.075
\$ 6,500.00



Easton Pribble Green Maple, 1966 Oil on linen 30h x 40w in PRB.080 \$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble
Granite Ledges and Spruce Relics, 1990
Oil on linen
28h x 28w in
PRB.090
\$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble
Mohawk Wooded Slopes, 1986
Oil on linen
36h x 50w in
PRB.104
\$ 6,500.00



Easton Pribble Cinema City, 1994 Oil on canvas 35 7/8h x 31 7/8w in PRB.109 \$ 5,500.00



Easton Pribble

American House and Garden, 1977

Oil on canvas

30h x 36w in

PRB.120

\$ 6,000.00



Easton Pribble
High Granite Banks, Moose River, 1987
Oil on canvas
30h x 36w in
PRB.121
\$ 4,250.00



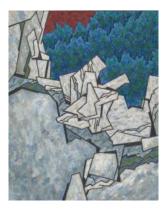
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Oil on particle board
22 9/16h x 18 11/16w in
PRB.122
\$ 2,200.00



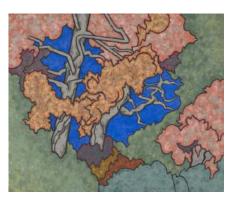
Easton Pribble Still Life No. 3, 1989 Oil on particle board 22 11/16h x 18 11/16w in PRB.123 \$ 1,850.00



Easton Pribble
Maples and Oaks, 1991
Oil on canvas
30 3/16h x 26 1/8w in
PRB.124
\$ 4,250.00



Easton Pribble
Granite Ledges, Isle au Haut, 1992
Oil on canvas
30h x 24 1/16w in
PRB.128
\$ 3,800.00



Easton Pribble
Maple Grove, 1992
Oil on linen
23 5/8h x 28 1/8w in
PRB.129
\$ 3,200.00



Easton Pribble
Ravine with Trees and Stump, 1995
Oil on canvas
32h x 24w in
PRB.131
\$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble Still Life No. 6, 1995 Oil on canvas 15h x 18w in PRB.133 \$ 2,200.00



Easton Pribble
Green Tree, Yellow Tree, 1995
Oil on canvas
20 1/16h x 24w in
PRB.134
\$ 3,200.00



Easton Pribble
Blue Tree, Green Tree, 1996
Oil on linen
23 15/16h x 19 15/16w in
PRB.136
\$ 2,500.00



Easton Pribble
Manufactory #2, 1988
Oil on linen
30h x 36w in
PRB.142
\$ 5,000.00



Easton Pribble

Granite and Spruce, Schoodic Point, 1996
Oil on linen
22h x 30w in
PRB.143
\$ 3,600.00



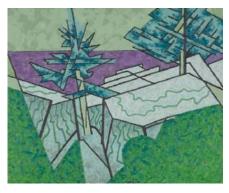
Easton Pribble Urban Construction #5, 1995 Oil on canvas 33 5/8h x 37 11/16w in PRB.146 \$ 5,500.00



Easton Pribble
Late Sun on Oak Tree, 1984
Oil on canvas
29 1/4h x 29 1/2w in
PRB.147
\$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble Woodland Barn, 1986 Oil on canvas 19 1/2h x 31 1/2w in PRB.149 \$ 3,600.00



Easton Pribble
Bunkerhead, Cranberry Island, 1984
Oil on canvas
20 1/2h x 24 1/2w in
PRB.150
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble *Still Life*, 1999 Oil on canvas 15 3/4h x 19 3/4w in PRB.151 \$ 2,200.00



Easton Pribble Trees in a Park, 1988 Oil on canvas 15 3/4h x 19 3/4w in PRB.153 \$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble
April Landscape, 1986
Oil on canvas
19h x 18w in
PRB.154
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble Untitled Oil on canvas 20h x 24w in PRB.155 \$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble

Jones Street, NYC, 1958
Oil on canvas
19 1/2h x 23 1/2w in
PRB.156
\$ 4,800.00



Easton Pribble
Stonington Spruce and Granite, 1999
Oil on canvas
34h x 34w in
PRB.160
\$ 4,250.00



Easton Pribble
High Granite Bank of the Moose River, 1972
Oil on canvas
30 1/4h x 36w in
PRB.161
\$ 4,750.00



Easton Pribble
Trenton Gorge, West Canada Creek
Oil on canvas
34h x 42w in
PRB.163
\$ 5,000.00



Easton Pribble
Manufactory I, 1987
Oil on canvas
21 1/4h x 27 3/8w in
PRB.165
\$ 3,500.00



Easton Pribble
Harts Neck, Tenants Harbor, Maine (2nd version), 1974
Oil on canvas
31 3/4h x 25 1/2w in
PRB.166
\$ 3,750.00



Easton Pribble Urban Construction I, 1987 Oil on canvas 29 1/8h x 29 1/2w in PRB.168 \$ 3,750.00



Easton Pribble
Old Industry #2, 1991
Oil on canvas
29 1/2h x 29 1/8w in
PRB.169
\$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble

Landscape at Norway, NY, 1969
Oil on canvas
28 1/4h x 30w in
PRB.171
\$ 4,000.00



Easton Pribble
Tanner Hill, Newport, NY, 1977-83
Oil on canvas
20h x 36w in
PRB.174
\$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble
Ohio River Power Plant, 1957
Oil on canvas
30h x 36w in
PRB.178
\$ 5,000.00



Easton Pribble

Power Line Crossing, 1956
Oil on canvas
24h x 36w in
PRB.180
\$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble
Bash Bish Falls, 1998
Oil on canvas
31" Tondo
PRB.181
\$ 3,800.00



Easton Pribble Clouded Sun, 1988 Watercolor on paper 23 3/4h x 29 3/4w in PRB.189 \$ 900.00



Easton Pribble
Two Sycamores, 1965
Oil on canvas
32h x 24w in
PRB.191
\$ 3,800.00



Easton Pribble
Tondo Landscape, 1967
Oil on canvas
23 3/4" Tondo
PRB.194
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble
Spruce Roots, Stonington, ME, 1977
Oil on canvas
20h x 24w in
PRB.208
\$ 2,850.00



Easton Pribble
The Fourth Suburban View, 1988
Oil on canvas
16h x 30w in
PRB.209
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble
Maple Energy, 1989
Oil on board
22 3/4h x 18 3/4w in
PRB.210
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble Isle au Haut, 1996-98 Oil on canvas 24h x 32w in PRB.213 \$ 3,750.00



Easton Pribble
Late Afternoon, 1985
Oil on canvas
30h x 36w in
PRB.214
\$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble
Glacial Boulders and Maple Relics, 1998
Oil on canvas
26h x 30 1/8w in
PRB.215
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble

Moss Island, Little Falls, NY, 1987
Oil on canvas
34h x 24w in
PRB.216
\$ 3,800.00



Easton Pribble
Meadow Flowers, 1996
Oil on canvas
28h x 24w in
PRB.217
\$ 3,500.00



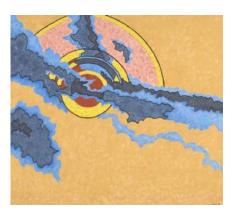
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Easton Pribble Color Study I, 1953 Watercolor on paper 19h x 25w in PRB.243 \$ 2,200.00



Easton Pribble Sunset, 1951 Oil on canvas 21 3/4h x 15 3/4w in PRB.247 \$ 8,500.00



Easton Pribble Sun and Clouds #2, 2000 Oil on canvas 34h x 37 3/4w in PRB.327 \$ 4,000.00



Easton Pribble Tango, 2000 Oil on canvas 16h x 22w in PRB.329 \$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble
Homage to the Hudson River School, 2001
Oil on canvas
47h x 29w in
PRB.330
\$ 5,800.00



Easton Pribble Urban Construction #7, 1996 Oil on canvas 24 1/4h x 28w in PRB.332 \$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble
Suburban View # 8, 2001
Oil on canvas
31 1/2h x 25 3/4w in
PRB.333
\$ 5,200.00



Easton Pribble

Stonington Granite and Spruce, 2001
Oil on canvas
20 1/4h x 24 1/4w in
PRB.335
\$ 2,750.00



Easton Pribble
Spruce Relic and Ledge - Hart's Neck, Tenants
Harbor, Maine, 1996-2001
Oil on canvas
34 1/4h x 21 1/4w in
PRB.338
\$ 3,200.00



Easton Pribble Still Life #6, 1995 Oil on canvas 34h x 22w in PRB.339 \$ 2,500.00



Easton Pribble
Porch Column #2, 1960
Oil on canvas
39 1/4h x 21 1/4w in
PRB.342
\$ 6,500.00



Easton Pribble *I-471*, 2000 Oil on canvas 34 1/2h x 38 1/2w in PRB.348 \$ 4,500.00



Easton Pribble
Spruce and Granite, Stonington Maine
Oil on canvas
23 1/2h x 27 1/2w in
PRB.349
\$ 3,000.00



Easton Pribble

Moose River Rocks, Lyonsdale, NY, 1972
Oil on canvas
25 1/2h x 33 3/4w in
PRB.352
\$ 4,200.00



Easton Pribble Suburban View #9, 2002 Oil on canvas 39 3/4h x 39 3/4w in PRB.358 \$ 5,500.00



Easton Pribble
Abstraction Landscape, 1967-68
Oil on canvas
24h x 24w in
PRB.361
\$ 1,500.00



Easton Pribble Untitled, 1953 Watercolor on paper 19h x 25w in PRB.394 \$ 2,800.00



Easton Pribble *Untitled*, c.1953
Oil on board
22 3/4h x 25 3/4w in
PRB.548
\$ 10,000.00