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At the 2015 Signature Members Show, Kusmin received the Gold Award for his watercolor painting "Place I'd Rather Be."

The society's signature members represent watercolor art's elite, chosen after a rigorous vetting process from artists throughout New England. The society traces its history to 1885 and boasts artists such as John Singer Sargent and Andrew Wyeth among its past luminaries. Today it claims more than 200 signature members and an overall membership approaching 500.

Kusmin is in the process of releasing his first book, "Palette of Dreams," which features more than 100 of his favorite paintings, and shares his philosophy of art and his vision of how its ability to communicate ideas brings people together. He is currently scheduling presentations and programs about "Palette of Dreams" both locally and across the region.

For more information about the New England Watercolor Society, go to www.newenglandwatercolorsociety.org. To learn more about Kusmin and his art, visit kusminarts.com.



"Faces of the Big Easy," by Andrew Kusmin received the Guild of Boston Artists Award at the recent NEWS Signature Members Show in Boston. Courtesy photo

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