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"Afternoon Light at Steps Beach"

\$6,500

Sergio Roffo (b. 1953) is perhaps the foremost American coastal landscape painter working today. The youngest of six children, Sergio was born in San Donato, Italy. As a child, he immigrated with his family to Boston. In the 1980s Sergio studied art formally at the Vesper George School of Art under the tutelage of Robert Douglas Hunter. After graduation, Roffo began working with watercolors in his paintings of Boston cityscapes; he switched to oils when he and his family moved to the coastal community of Scituate.

Roffo has been inspired by the work of the American traditional painters George Inness and Albert Bierstadt, among others. Over the years he developed a mastery of portraying the New England coastal landscape both near his home and farther afield. With a solid grounding in the fundamentals of his craft, Roffo captures the small details—the texture of dune grass, the particular quality of light of a Nantucket Harbor sunset—that bring a scene to life. Roffo is a plein air painter of the first degree; he displays a clear talent for expressing the elegance of nature through his masterful brushwork and ability to capture light and atmospheric effects. His intimate relationship with his subject matter—the sea, sky, beaches and boats that surround him—is evident in all of Roffo's work. This emotional component, along with a uniformity of excellence, lends the work a greater degree of complexity, and has earned him an enthusiastic following. Roffo's paintings continue to be highly sought after by devoted collectors.

Sergio lives in Scituate with his wife and two daughters, where he continues to paint, teach workshops, and enjoy various other interests, including gourmet cooking, opera and classical music, gardening, tennis and sailing his 18 foot Marshall Sanderling catboat.

"My mission is trying to convey to the viewer the spirituality and sacredness of my work, indicating the harmony of nature through color and light. As artists, our creative goals will never be accomplished. We will always be students of nature." – Sergio Roffo