

“Morning Shadows. Vermont” oil on linen, 2020, 20”x24”



Viktor Butko was born in Moscow in 1978, into a family of well known Russian artists. His maternal grandfather was an artist, Victor Chulovich. His parents, Nikolay Butko and Marina Chulovich also are well regarded artists in Russia. When Viktor was young, he used to watch his grandfather paint and was inspired to pursue a career as an artist. He studied art at the famous Moscow Art School, which is well known for developing a high level of technical skills in its students. After graduating from the School, Viktor studied and painted at the famous Academic Dacha of Artists, which was founded by Ilya Repin. There he worked under the guidance of artists Alexey Gritsay, Alexei and Sergei Tkachev. Their influence guided Viktor toward being a creative *“en plein air”* painter and an impressionist artist.

Viktor first came to America in 2002. Since then, he has had many exhibitions in the Hamptons and Sag Harbor, New York. He is a member of the Guild of Boston Artists and in September 2022, won their Robert Douglas Hunter Award in a New England Regional Juried exhibition for his *en plein air* painting *“Osprey’s Sunset”*. In America, Viktor has painted in Maine, Vermont, Boston, Cape Cod, Sag Harbor and New York.

Viktor is married to American artist, Kelly Carmody, who has her own exhibitions. They share a studio and live in Waltham, Massachusetts, where they paint and teach painting. Viktor often travels to Russia, to not only visit his family but also to paint and sell some of his American paintings. He has works in the Vyshniy Volochek Museum, Institute of Russian Realist Art, as well as private collections in China, Russia and the U.S.

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VÍKTOR BUTKO IMPRESSIONIST PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY AT THE HOLIDAY EXHIBIT FROM OCTOBER 25-DECEMBER 24, 2022.

Viktor Butko works are on display at Olesya & Jerry Koenig Gallery Holiday exhibition (October 25 - December 24, 2022):

“Christmas Tree Lighting Boston Common”, oil on linen, 25” x 30”, 2018

“Brooklyn Bridge”, oil on linen, 25” x 30”, 2018

“Main Street. Sag Harbor”, oil on linen, 22” x 28”, 2016

“Morning Shadows. Vermont”, oil on linen 20”x 24”

Etchings, dry points, mixed media, oil paintings & watercolors of Russian, Ukrainian & American artists from “Olesya & Jerry Koenig Gallery”, many of which were brought from abroad, are also on display and for sale. Please RSVP. Unfortunately, Olesya & Jerry Koenig Gallery will be closing on December 31, 2022, after 13 years in business, organizing, participating and curating about 40 fine art exhibitions in Cambridge, Brookline, Newton, Boston, Clinton, New York, Washington, D.C., Bath, & York, ME. See you soon!

Viktor Butko at the Guild of Boston Artists reception in September 2022 with Robert Douglas Hunter Award for “Osprey’s Sunset” en plein air painting

