

Alfredo Ramon

Professional painter, inspiring teacher, genial lecturer, Alfredo Ramon embodies in his work and personality the history, spirit, culture and character of Spain.

An artist of great versatility, he works in a variety of media with subjects ranging from portraits to landscapes to street scenes and in such diverse artistic areas as restoration, stage and costume design, and poster painting. Widely traveled, Alfredo Ramon's keen eye has enabled him to capture and reproduce artistically the flavor and essence of sites in many locations. His sensitive and colorful drawings of maritime settings in the United States and of the unique landscape of Alsace have attracted the attention of both private and institutional collectors and bear eloquent witness to his sojourns in these areas. Justifiably acclaimed have been the results of his first love - painting street scenes - in particular those of old Madrid. Alfredo Ramon has captured in these testimonies of visual history the soul and spirit of his adopted city.

A master teacher, for more than three decades Alfredo Ramon has conveyed to generations of American students the essence of Spain past and present through its artistic treasures. A visit with him to the galleries of the Prado brings to life the glories of a Goya or Velasquez, a stroll through the narrow streets of Toledo the days of the Christian Kings and El Greco.

Kalamazoo College takes pride in the achievement and honors of our overseas colleagues such as Alfredo Ramon, whose contribution to the College and its students reach back to the first program in Madrid in 1958. It is therefore appropriate we honor one who has had a distinguished career as an artist, whose works delight lovers of art and enrich collections the world over, whose skills as an interpreter of his own culture are legendary and who is our esteemed colleague, a loyal and true friend of Kalamazoo and its students.

I recommend, therefore, on behalf of the faculty of Kalamazoo College, that upon Alfredo Ramon be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Fine Arts.