

## Brad Guarino

### Biography

Brad Guarino is a painter and printmaker working in New London, Connecticut. In 2006 he received a Fulbright Fellowship to study and work in Bulgaria's National Academy of Art in Sofia, and was an artist-in-residence in both 2005 and 2008 in southern Bulgaria on a fellowship through the Griffis and Orpheus foundations. Guarino received an individual artist grant from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, and has won awards at the Society of American Graphic Artists' National Exhibition and at Connecticut State Artist's Exhibitions. He currently teaches at the University of Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut State University and holds an MFA from the University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts and a BFA from Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

Guarino's recent studio work confronts issues of masculinity, exploring the struggles that men face to not only understand their own maleness, but also to connect with one another. He has exhibited his work in Bulgaria, New York, Boston, California, Chicago, and Miami, as well as Hartford and New Haven. His paintings, drawings and prints are included in the permanent collections of The Bulgarian National Academy of Art, the Florence Griswold Museum, The Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, The Orpheus Foundation, The Griffis Foundation, Poland's Akademia Sztuk Pieknych in Krakow Poland, and The London College of Art, School of Printing and Publishing. Guarino was previously a research biochemist.



Brad Guarino, *Are We Not Men?*, 2006, acrylic on canvas, 48" x 72"