

## **Albert Bierstadt**

**Dates:** 1830-1902

**Residency:** Dusseldorf, Germany. New Bedford, Massachusetts. Traveled the Northeast and Western America.

**Bio:** Albert Bierstadt was born near Dusseldorf, Germany in 1830. The artist was raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts but studied painting at the Dusseldorf Academy with future Hudson School Painter Sanford Gifford. Bierstadt learned to paint in the luminist fashion that was popular in the United States. The artist traveled through Germany, Switzerland, and Italy before he exhibited eight pictures at the National Academy of Design in 1859. That same year, Bierstadt set off for the American Midwest to research the new American landscape. Perhaps inspired by the size of the land or by his colleague and rival Church, Bierstadt depicted huge pieces, such as *The Rocky Mountains* to emphasize the grandeur of the developing west. The piece was the main attraction at the Metropolitan Fair in 1864 and became another huge financial success for the Hudson River School. The artist blurred in obscurity along with the trend of romantic American landscapes. He died in 1902 at the age of 72.

**Major Achievements:** *The Rocky Mountains*, *Storm in the Rocky Mountains*,  
*The Domes of the Yosemite*



**More Info and Paintings:**

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