

Demonstrator – September 2010

Bruce Marion

Whether exploring geometric shapes, portraying the human form, or interpreting lush landscapes, **Bruce Marion's** lyrical coloration and dramatic use of light and shadow, characterized by his distinctive "inner glow", seem to illuminate his subjects from their souls.

Long a student of the Martial Arts, Marion believes in the chi of inanimate objects, and seeks to "discover" the form and energy of these subjects from within his canvas, rather than to paint them from without. Thus, each piece begins not from a blank canvas, but from a frenetic and wildly colorful abstract under-painting. Then, like a sculptor chipping away at a stone, Marion seeks his subject by selectively subtracting information from the canvas before him.

Classically trained as a fine artist, **Bruce Marion** has enjoyed a productive and recognized career as a painter and illustrator, with his work showcased in international publications and honored in juried shows. Born and raised in the Los Angeles area, Marion began his art career at an early age, studying privately with a cadre of local artists, and sold his first piece in a juried professional show when just nine years old. He holds a BFA from the prestigious Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, where he studied under world-renowned artist **Pat Nagel**, and **Lorser Feitelson**, the father of Post-Surrealism. He has taught at the Otis Parson Institute of Art, as well as privately.

Marion had his first one-man show at the Limited Edition Gallery in Beverly Hills, and has also enjoyed solo shows at Allen Jeffries Gallery in L. A., Coastal Gallery in Half Moon Bay, and Jill Thayer Gallery in Bakersfield. His work has been honored with the Judges Choice Award from the San Francisco Society of Illustrators, and also has been included in a show at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

Marion's work is represented by galleries throughout the United States, and his paintings are published and distributed world-wide by Editions Limited.

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