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ARTIST STATEMENT

“ There are two elements of thought that drive my artistic choices: the visual aesthetic which draws the viewer in through the layers of the painting; and the emotional connection between viewer and painting, born from the viewer’s own personal story.

These inner landscapes are evocative of an amalgam of places seen and experienced and their impact on my own life’s journey. They move beyond a rendering of a specific place and traditional style of painting into abstracted reality. I create a compelling invitation for the viewer to enter into an intimate and dynamic relationship with the painting, gaze into what they see and allow their own experiences to create their personal narrative. It’s the conversation between the viewer and canvas that invites them to find peace, serenity, and meaning in their own stories.

I’m driven by the universal fascination and draw to the horizon, sea, sky, and shore. The mystery of the horizon and the obscure and nebulous place where the sky joins the sea and where the line between the two is blurred. The mystery of what lies beyond the horizon – where our imagination of the unseen propels us to look further. What do we hope is there? ”

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Left Image: "Seeking Balance," Medium: Acrylic on canvas, 30" x 36", 2021.

Right Image: "A Sea of Possibilities," Medium: Acrylic on canvas, 36" x 36", 2023.