

Here is a sweet story: I was photographing my 3 nieces in the back yard around the swing set.

I said to one of them: "Pretend you are an Angel!"



For about 5 seconds~ she struck the most beautiful pose on the side A-frame brace of the swing set— arms folded exactly like Raphael's Cherub. The make ready is for sale for \$30.00— and this more polished but unfinished version I will keep. I changed her to make her look more Italian or French.

Here again— my theme: The Eyes are the Windows to the Soul." In my portraiture (which I can no longer do due to arthritis)— it has always been important to create an "anchor" for the viewer. I have been unconsciously trying to do the same thing that the millennial artists have done with the Buddha— to create a sense of Peace. Dr Steven Porges— who developed the "Polyvagal Theory" — says that the goal of balancing the Autonomic Nervous System is to "Feel Safe in the Arms of Another." Now I realize my Soul wants to create eyes that look at you so you can: "Feel Safe in the Arms of the Divine." A sweet sentiment!