



## January 25, 2022: Vol. 2, #2: Inspiration, Process, Creation

**As shown in the above banner, work continues with the silk art piece I shared last time, but today I would like to return to the painting I mentioned recently, *Light and Waves*.**

In early January, I completed this one. While it, too, has a backstory involving science to go along with it, it is not necessary to relate that story here. I'll leave that to the art catalogue which is evolving (and with which I'm having lots of fun by the way). But yes, the story for *Light and Waves* begins with quantum geometry, particle physics, light, waves and spacetime -- the whole kit and caboodle, along with at the last minute, a rainbow!

A walk last October midst the beautiful, autumn leaves high along a forested ridge trail provided the main inspiration for the underlying design and color structure for me to create this painting. As for the rainbow, well, I didn't see one of those. That emerged joyfully from within me and out through my brush!

Continuing on this little bit of sharing my work process, I often start a work with a very simple line sketch that captures the basic lines and form I am seeing whether in front of me or in my mind's eye. Over time this may morph, especially so when beginning the color



placement and tonal values, such as happened (in my mind) on an autumn ridge trail walk last October. That day, I looked up at the red maple leaves shining like gems in a spot of sunlight against the deep blue of the sky and my heart was hooked! It told me what to do and how to go from there. Specifically, the light tones would be in the upper half of the painting in the form of a circle, fading into the darker hues around to the corners. As I began painting, this suddenly sprang to life as a rainbow.

And voila, the finished painting!

**Acrylic media on aluminum, 30x40.**

Did you know that rainbows are actually circles? The horizon cuts them off into an arc. Arcs are certainly wonderful and fine, but if you were looking down in the air you would actually see a circle rainbow. Or, in this case looking up through one from some surreal space, or perhaps this is a reflection off a lake. Who knows? Make it your own. I hope you catch the joy and freshness that was my experience in making this art creation.



*Light and Waves; Circle Rainbow*

Until next time,

stay safe and warm.

**In Creative Spirit,**

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