



Harrison Goldberg - mixed media artist

Collage du Jazz: Living In the Land of Imagination

There are no restrictions imposed upon the creative expression and language of one's imagination since neither permission nor passport is required to cross the border into this richly textured and numinous frontier.

With the ever changing tools of my craft: paper, pencils, pen and acrylic inks, oil pastels, water-based brush pens, I embark on a nocturnal journey established during a recurring pattern of insomnia. While it has deprived me of badly needed sleep, it has serendipitously provided the gateway to the creation of many of the works presented in this exhibit.

As one who easily transitions from the world of a performing jazz musician to that of a visual artist, my work shares a common creative vocabulary, with improvisational free play, color, tone, tempo, rhythm, dynamics, articulation, phrasing, space, shapes and forms, motifs and storytelling.

The influence of one's environment also plays a significant role in the artistic process. My living along the Mendonoma coast has offered me a constant immersion into nature with its abundance and variety of flora and fauna. The daily drama of ever-changing colors of sky, ocean and sand, fanciful shapes of driftwood, clouds, craggy ancient rocks, wrinkled hills, sanctuary of redwood spires, and nocturnal star-laden skies all finds its way into my art as well.

And before that, this Massachusetts-bred city boy has had a lifelong fascination with urban graffiti, the ubiquitous detritus of peeling paint on doors and walls, fading and torn advertisements on wooden store fronts, and the remarkable shapes and patterns that seem to magically emerge on sidewalks and roads; all of these, too, contribute to form a chorus of generous artistic images.

I am grateful to be plumbing the depths of my artistic creativity, and now invite and welcome you, the viewer, to establish your own personal dialogue with the work in this exhibit, the joyful and bountiful harvest of my imagination.

- Harrison Goldberg
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