

## **Randy Allen: Artist's Statement**

My paintings are about light, color and movement, and portray the landscape around me. Not so much particular places, but the essence of landscape, distilled through the mind.

By repeated paintings of a place a theme emerges, and the landscape becomes a personal metaphor. The joy is in the painting process and the attainment of this state of reflection..

It is the abstraction in my paintings that fascinates me. I like playing with the emotional aspects of these scenes. The subject becomes a hinge that I can work off of; discovering something authentic through my immediate experience of the oil paint, color and shape of the work in front of me. The painting that I create takes precedence over the landscape before me..

What emerges is something akin to a scene recalled from memory; like an impression caught out of the corner of my eye. I seek to portray that kind of rawness and power in my work.