

Frank Balaam

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British artist **Frank Balaam** lives and paints in Arizona and exhibits his art in galleries throughout the Southwest. For the past 50 years he has painted and travelled extensively and now resides in Globe, a small mountain town in eastern Arizona. The combination of classical training in the arts accompanied by a lifetime of experience painting portraits, murals, landscapes and figurative works culminate in his newest creative forests that radiate the energy of passion and life.

"I like the passion of oil paint, the surface, and the thick brushstrokes loaded with pigment, the flamboyant interaction of color, and I like it all to coalesce into an identifiable whole allowing the viewer to inhabit both journey and destination with barely a fractional alteration in perception," says Balaam.

Balaam's *Light Through the Trees* series approaches the traditional landscape forest with the intent of capturing the primeval energy of life and growth, which emanates as much from the air surrounding the trees as from the trees themselves. His brightly colored forests are painted from a viewpoint that immerses the viewer in an impenetrable tangle of trees where the solitary viewer is thus part of the timeless forest, rooted and growing inexorably.

The artist's interpretation of the forest reveals a vibrant memory of a forest full of undisturbed beauty as well as the exciting exploration of hidden recesses where each person's imagination is free to wander.

"I have a philosophical approach to painting that encompasses a deeply emotional analysis of both the forest and life itself. My paintings are a constant struggle to balance the energy of chaos with the structure of order. From a distance, the forest paintings appear realistic yet as the viewer approaches the canvas, intense colors, passionate abstraction and thick paint dominate the surface, restoring the primal swirl of pure existence," adds Balaam. →



Frank Balaam Studios, *Aspen Grove I*, oil on canvas, 46 x 46"



Frank Balaam Studios, *Red Sumacs I*, oil on canvas, 36 x 53"

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"From Dawn Until Dusk"

6 feet x 6 feet

Oils on Canvas

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