

## Natural energy

**N**ature always persists as Susan Swartz's source of inspiration; she paints her personal experience with nature, and interprets the beauty around her. Swartz focuses on color combinations and constantly pushes the color contrast in her paintings. She paints from memory and impressions of color, light, and feelings.

"I try to grow and experiment and stay fresh," says Swartz. "I try to create an emotion, to evoke a feeling in someone else who observes my work, I want him or her to get lost in it and seek something for themselves."

David Dee, director of the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, appreciates that Swartz's work is grounded in the real world of nature, yet also connects viewers to the pure energy and devotion to color that have characterized abstract art from the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

"Susan Swartz creates art that expresses her deep love of her craft, of nature, of the spiritual, and inspires us, as viewers, to pause and take stock of our own relationship to the earth, to the divine, and to future generations that will inherit the globe we have created," says Dee.

Swartz's work will be on show at Gardner Colby Gallery in Naples, Florida, from March 1-31. ●



LIFE RESTORED, ACRYLIC ON LINEN CANVAS, 30 X 30"



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ACRYLIC ON LINEN CANVAS, 30 X 30"

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