



AMY THORNTON
PAINTINGS THAT DANCE WITH ENERGY™



Public Art Commission

BIOGRAPHY

Amy Thornton is a contemporary expressionistic painter currently based in Denver. As founder and director of Amy Thornton Artworks for over three decades, she is known for her vibrant, expressionistic paintings on Plexiglas which seem to float in space. Infused with the tension between chaos and order, Thornton's work celebrates the dichotomies of extravagant energy with the elegance and rich complexities of a quiet presence.

Thornton's classical art studies included the mastery of multiple medias such as pastels, watercolors, oils, and lithography in representational styles including landscape, figure painting and self-portraits. Midway through obtaining her bachelor's degree in fine arts, she made a dramatic departure from representational art in order to discover and pursue her own artistic voice. Combining contemporary dance and choreography inspirations



Plein Air painting c.1970 Self-portrait, 1976 Ernie's Place, watercolor, 1977 Figure Painting, watercolor, 1977 Autumn Gods, lithograph, 1976 Self-Portrait, 1976 Sequenza, dance choreography, 1979

with her love of action painting, her work continues to capture the essence of dance four decades later. Presented in three distinct formats: Plexiglas style, Nucleus style, and Full-field style—Thornton's signature work is filled with the visual grammar of vibrant colors, calligraphic lines and richly layered textures.



Abstract, c.1980 Nucleus Style Full-Field Style Plexiglas Style Detail Thornton's Painting Process Public Art Proposal Residential Commission

Following years of solo exhibitions and group showings, Thornton's art philosophy took on yet another departure from the norm. Combining her love of dynamic energy and influenced by her extensive work within team collaborations, she developed a passion for creating highly customized, participatory artworks. Leveraging the Collector's input with site-specific criteria, Thornton developed a unique niche wherein collaborative synergy leads her painting process. Challenging the long-held paradigm of "art for the artist's sake", Thornton invites her Collectors to become vital contributors to the creation of her fine art installations.

With an ever-evolving vigor for creating graceful balance within elaborate dimensions, Amy Thornton creates multi-paneled Plexiglas paintings that evoke graceful reflections and provocative depth with the promise of even greater artistry to come.

"I paint to celebrate the joy of creativity, which lives within us and connects us all."

— Amy Thornton, Artist

