



*Mike LaFleur*

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- UPS Store #6986, Attn: Zamir, 361-356-1032, [store6986@theupsstore.com](mailto:store6986@theupsstore.com)

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## About the Artist

### Mike LaFleur

Mike LaFleur, a West Texas native, discovered his love for art at the age of six when he first painted with his grandmother, and has continued to create beautiful works of art ever since. From the winter torn pueblos of the Taos Valley to the tattered flags of the lone star state, his subject matter remains traditional despite his modern style. His use of acrylic paint and lime dust texture create a true look of depth that has a lively effect within his works. His vivid colors are contemporary and push the boundaries of what has previously been deemed technically correct. This ambition and vision have guided his distinguished career and has a reputation for both unique and diverse art.

Although currently residing in the Texas Panhandle, Mike participates in many major art festivals in the southern U.S. each year and is showcased in several galleries in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. He currently serves as the board president for The Crouch Foundation and is managing a \$10M renovation of Arts in the Sunset, a local art center with studios, galleries, and an art school in Amarillo, TX. In recent years, he has expanded into other water-based mediums and is continuously evolving his methods to explore ways to create exciting pieces of work.



### Curator Statement

#### Caroline Kneese, Cerulean Gallery

Mike LaFleur's technique of building thin layers of paint with lime dust and extracting realism from the abstract creates depth, which draws the viewer in. His use of light and movement captures ephemeral moments on canvas.



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#### Elena Rodriguez, Rockport Center for the Arts

What I find most intriguing about LaFleur's paintings, is that they are equally spirited and spiritual. I can see the hand of the artist manifested in the energetic and facile slashes of paint that comprise the scenery and subjects, from the ethereal backgrounds to the solid birds, flowers, and trees that inhabit the paintings.

Yet despite the expressionist style, the paintings themselves exude harmony and calmness. One can almost hear the quiet murmur of palm trees rustling in the wind and smell the salt in the air. The paintings remind me of the ocean, which in its sublimity is both dynamic and violent yet eternal and comforting.

Anyone who has spent time near a roaring ocean and experienced the stillness created by the churning waves will come to love LaFleur's painting and the tranquility they impart to the viewer.

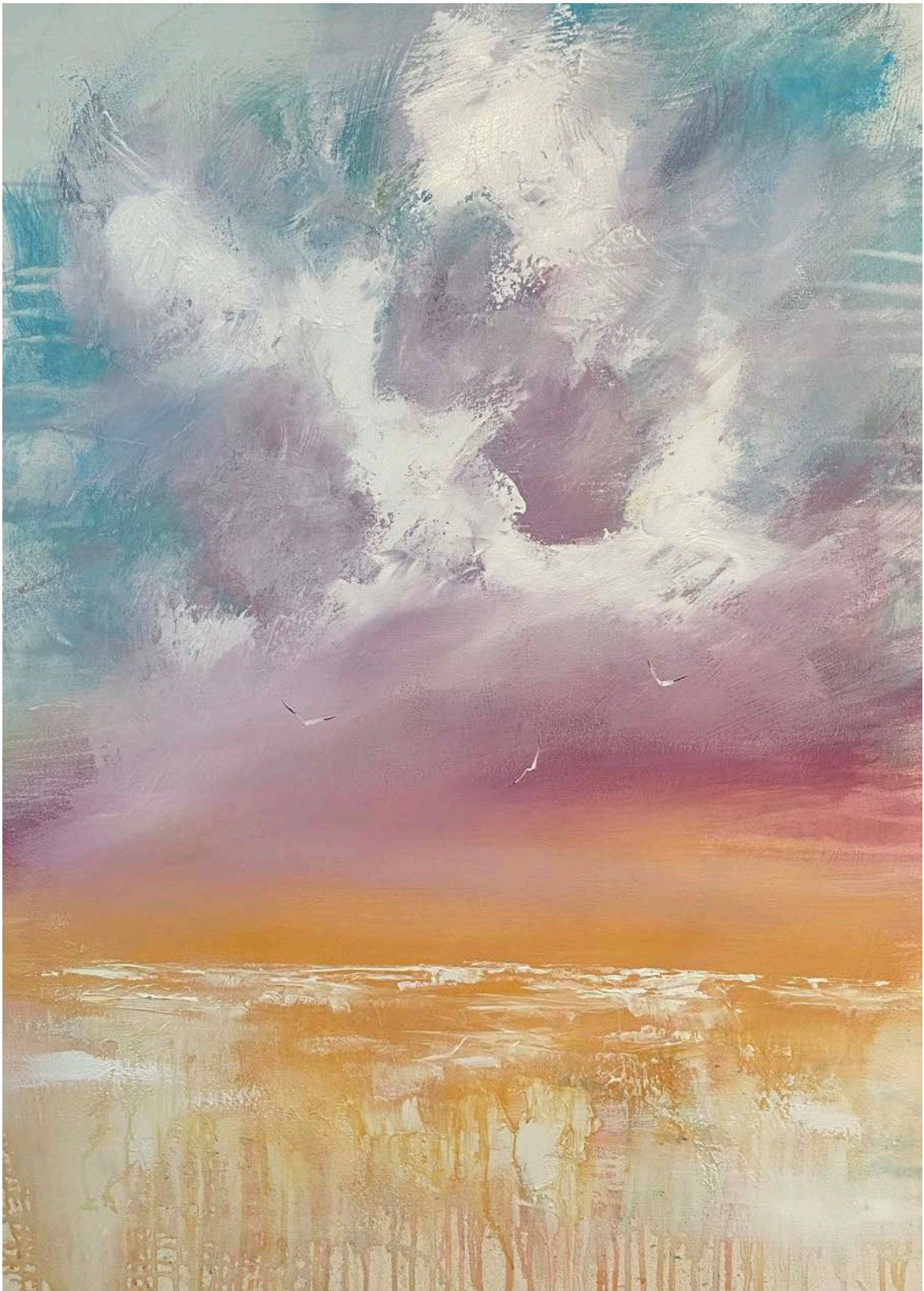


***Calm Colors***

30"w x 40"h

mixed media on canvas

\$650



***Moodswings***

30"w x 40"h

mixed media on canvas

\$650



**Colors**

12" w x 36" h

mixed media on canvas

\$300



***Flowers in the Sand***

12" w x 36" h

mixed media on canvas

\$300



***Easy Life***

12"w x 36"h

mixed media on canvas

\$300





***Merging Colors***

12"w x 36"h

mixed media on canvas

\$300



***Guided by Wind***

15"w x 30"h

mixed media on canvas

\$350