


William Spencer III

- 1954 –
- Raised in the Midwest
- Public showings since 1990
- Principal works are mixed media on panel abstracts.

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- William is a self-taught artist whose career began as a Commercial Illustrator.
 - After moving to central California, he began painting the first body of work which would bring him recognition in the world of Fine Art. That first show - in Sacramento California - earned him the juried title: "1990's Rising Star of Northern California" by unanimous vote of area galleries.
 - Also in 1990, his work was again chosen from over 800 California Artists for the Crocker-Kingsley exhibition at the Crocker Art Museum, which is a longstanding forum for emerging artists which has provided many now well-known artists an unparalleled opportunity for exposure in a prestigious museum setting.
 - One underlying factor which manifests in recurring idiosyncrasies of William's work is the fact that he was raised without television. Over time he has come to regard this facet of his childhood as a subtle yet persistent influence in his varied expressions. He has always found the idea fascinating that the air was filled with images, words and ideas not seen or heard unless properly 'tuned in' and as his work has evolved one can find numerous ways this theme is repeated.
 - "I prefer not to have my mind set on a particular result when I paint. It's better to let the painting develop as I go - so I usually don't know exactly how it will be finished until suddenly I realize it is finished. Most of my paintings start as one thing but wind up completely differently from how I imagined when I began. A dialog has to flow both ways between the painting and those who view them. If I were to insist on my own personal interpretation there would be nothing left for the viewer except for an unmoving and static view. If they participate however, then my paintings become personal experiences. This is by far is the most rewarding way for me to work."
 - William's work has been featured in... Sunstorm Fine Arts Magazine, Décor, Phoenix Home & Garden and Diggs Magazine.



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