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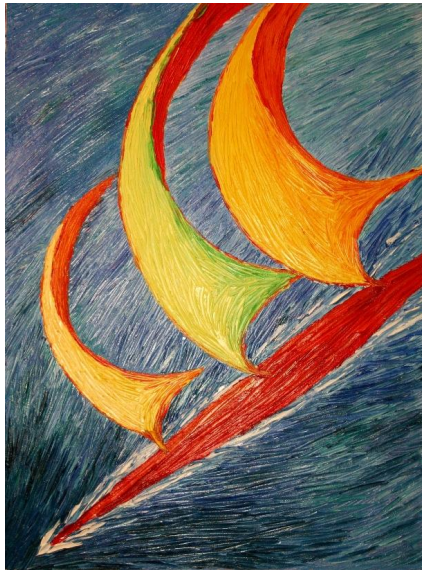
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Works by Jean Claude Gracia in City Hall Through August

Works by modern-day French impressionist Jean Claude Gracia can be found in galleries and private collections around the world, and for the month of August, in Newburgh's City Hall.

Gracia was born in 1958 in a small village of Gascony in France. Then, his family moved to Fontvieille, near Arles, the heart of Provence. After studying at the Art School of Biarritz, he traveled around the world. At the present time he shares his residences between United State and France.

The southern sun light continues to inspire Jean Claude by his use of rich colors which inflame his painting to become an eruption of vibrant feelings, a celebration of light and fire. His unique brush strokes carve the thick oil paint following his state of mind: sometime at peace, sometime carried away by a wind of torment.



The artist explains, "Painting is like a raging river swirling of joy, a powerful torrent of craziness. . . the entire picture is curling; the sky, the trees and the field of wheat are swirling by a mysterious power, the power of mind, the power of gaiety; a simple landscape become an explosion of color where each pigment is a leaf carried away by a tumultuous current; the entire world is turning around me faster and faster, a wheel of passion and emotion where I am the conductor; my brush is my baton, the scenery my orchestra and you are the spectator."

Gracia's works are in private and corporate collections including the Crawford House

Museum in Newburgh, the Museum of Espaya in Greece, and the Museum of Mont Gris in Spain. The Museum of Farmington invited him to show his work as well as several other galleries in the United State and abroad. He was published in several newspapers and magazines including DH Canvas, and Talent in Motion, New York City. He won the Puffin Foundation Award for his work entitled "Dedication for Mankind and Nature with Love." He strongly supports conservation of the land and the earth, and is a strong activist for the awareness of global warming.

For more information on the artist or his works, please visit www.jeanclaudegracia.com, or call 347-907-1860.