

## TAKEYCE WALTER, ARTIST STATEMENT:

THE BEAUTY FOUND IN NATURE OFTEN OVERWHELMS ME. I AM DRIVEN BY AN EVER-PRESENT AND IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO CAPTURE THAT BEAUTY AND SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. MY RECENT WORK REFLECTS THE BEAUTY I SEE IN THE NATURAL LANDSCAPE AROUND ME. I AM MOST INSPIRED BY, AND DRAWN TO QUIET AND PEACEFUL SCENES. I AM FOREVER INTRIGUED BY LIGHT, AND ITS EFFECTS ON COLORS IN THE LANDSCAPE. THE PAINTINGS ARE OF PLACES I'VE EXPERIENCED WITH ALL MY SENSES, COMPOSED WITH INTENT TO RECONSTRUCT THE SENSE OF CONNECTION I FEEL WITH NATURE.

MY PROCESS OF CREATING ART IS NOURISHING, ENERGIZING, AND EXHAUSTING ALL AT ONCE. MY GOAL WHEN STARTING A PAINTING IS TO CAPTURE THE IMPRESSION A PLACE OR A MOMENT HAS LEFT UPON ME. I NEED NOT LAY DOWN EVERY BLADE OF GRASS TO CAPTURE THE MOOD AND ATMOSPHERE THAT ORIGINALLY DREW ME TO A COMPOSITION. I WORK PRIMARILY WITH OIL PAINT AND SOFT PASTELS TO CAPTURE THESE MOMENTS.

I AM INSPIRED, AND I HOPE MY WORK INSPIRES OTHERS TO TAKE PAUSE, AND EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY AROUND US.