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PAINTINGS AND POETRY ON DISPLAY AT ERIC G. THOMPSON SHOW

Beloved words by great American poets to accompany new contemporary realist paintings

Santa Fe, NM— Eric G. Thompson’s subject matter is as simple and elegant as a haiku, but look closer and the self-taught artist’s subtle details come into focus. In his upcoming show **The Boundless Moment: New Paintings by Eric G. Thompson**, the contemporary realist’s intricately structured paintings will hang alongside carefully plotted words by Robert Frost and other great American poets. The exhibition opens Friday, August 15 with a reception from 5-7 pm and closes August 28.

“I was reading Frost’s poem *A Boundless Moment*, and it evoked Eric’s paintings,” says gallery owner Lawrence Matthews. “There’s a similar quiet spirit in Eric’s paintings that echo the words of some of the great American poets like Frost, Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Lowell and Emily Dickinson.”

Thompson lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, but draws inspiration from East Coast realists like Edward Hopper and Andrew Wyeth. He is uncommonly versatile, working in oil, egg tempera and watercolor to create still lifes, landscapes and portraits. His purest medium, however, is light.

“I feel that every one of my paintings is essentially a study of light or lack thereof,” says Thompson. “Light coming into a room, light hitting an object, stretching a shadow, lighting an edge. All of this can be very powerful and moving in a painting.”

As for poetry, Thompson’s philosophies match perfectly with those of Frost and his contemporaries. “In a world of pop culture that seems to be anti-silence, people seek the stillness they need without even realizing it,” the artist says. If given the choice, Thompson would surely take the road less traveled.

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