

A Rhapsody in Cerulean Blue

Kelly Reider



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Kelly Reider's portfolio reflects a fascination with famous musicians, native American culture and seafaring vessels. Every oil or acrylic painting tells a story, and each story is action packed. In *Over the Waterfall*, the artist captures the expressions of fear, shock and anticipation of a native American woman and her two children just before their canoe is sucked down a fall. It's reminiscent of N.C. Wyeth's works.

I fly when I paint.

A devastating motorcycle accident left Kelly in a coma, then a wheelchair for some time. When he could no longer work, he started making art. Through art, he was able to rebuild his confidence. Sometimes angels speak to him. He is pretty certain he is related to Swiss born artist, Paul Klee, who continues to be a source of inspiration.

Kelly also enjoys painting self-portraits, as well as portraits of musical legends such as Prince, Jimi Hendrix, and Mick Jagger.

