



in the moment
at Rumi Galleries

visual artist Mark Jeffrey captures the beauty of the present with his signature painting style

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in the moment with Mark

PWhat started out as a casual interview with the popular Oakville painter, somehow spiraled into a passionate discussion on mysticism, spirituality, Jim Morrison and the greatest mystery of all...the meaning of life. "Jim Morrison (of rock band The Doors) remains one of my greatest inspirations," explains Jeffrey. "He was very convinced of the afterlife. He was known to have said, 'it's better to burn out than to fade away.'" Truth be told, Mark Jeffrey is a bit of a mystery himself. A self-taught landscape artist, he is currently basking in the glow of success after showcasing his original works at the Rumi Galleries in Port Credit. The show opened to rave reviews and overwhelming success at its opening held in April with more

than one hundred art lovers in attendance. Most artists would be overjoyed with the birth of newfound commercial achievement, but for Jeffrey it's no big deal. "Not to say I'm not grateful for all of the opportunities that have come my way, but honestly, nothing really matters. "Opening night was a blur for me. I never expected to have this success. There really is no plan that I'm following," confesses Jeffrey. He believes "you can't take anything with you after you've gone from this life. All that matters is if you truly helped people. Through my work I hope to inspire people and help them to discover the beauty of the present moment." ➤

