

MATTHEW FRY

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Biography and Art Description

Matt Fry is a young California based fine artist originally from Visalia, CA. He works primarily with oil or acrylic paints on canvas, but also has a passion for three-dimensional art. His work has been shown in cities such as Visalia, Three Rivers, Camarillo, Ventura, Pomona, and throughout the United States in the *AP Studio Art National Exhibit* in 2014-15. His art has brought life to Visalia's annual *Taste The Arts Festival* for the past four years and in 2017, he was awarded the title: *Breakout Artist of the year*. In recent years, Matt has been shifting his focus in his career to better support his art and future involvement in the arts and has been expanding his knowledge and techniques in painting.

Matt's recent artwork has been focused on themes of thankfulness and togetherness in humanity. In a time of uncertainty, he wishes to give people a unique and relevant perspective for their lives and to encourage a thankful and giving spirit in each of his viewers.

"When Life Gives you Lemons" takes inspiration from renaissance artwork and places the viewer's attention on a boy with a lemon slice halo. He is set apart in his own eyes and has all the opportunities he could ask for, but is not content. The painting as a whole is meant to urge the viewer to look at their own life; To take advantage of the opportunities and "lemons" that life brings. Some people have it all and take it for granted. Some have almost nothing and still find thankfulness and opportunity.