

RICK WRIGHT FINE ART

BIO: Rick Wright is a Kansas City, Missouri based contemporary painter focusing primarily on the human form. Wright grew up outside of Lawrence, Kansas and earned both a B.F.A in Design/Illustration as well as an M.A. in art education from the University of Kansas. Since 2010, his work has been displayed throughout the Midwest at juried art festivals, group shows, and solo exhibitions. Rick's works on canvas and panels are exclusively done in acrylic and confront the viewer through a use of bold color relationships and gestural brushwork. In addition to his personal work, Rick has been an art educator in both private and public schools in Massachusetts, Kansas, and Missouri. He is currently the art director at Van-Go Inc., an arts based non-profit job training program in Lawrence, KS.

STATEMENT: Terpsichore, in Greek mythology was one the nine Muses of the arts. Her traditional domain of dance and song, along with more contemporary cirque nouveau and burlesque performers have influenced my most recent figurative explorations. These subjects evoke an exciting blend of physicality, grace, and movement that I seek to translate into my work. Though semi-abstract and expressionistic, I value a believability, proportion, and energy in the form while taking risks with color relationships and mark- making. I build, define, and refine each painting in an additive gestalt of liveliness and energy. I seek a balance between the raw nature of a gestural five-minute sketch and the sophistication one expects of a resolved painting. The strength and classicism of these often feminine forms in motion both challenge and compliment the direction of my work.

