



"HIDDEN SANCTUARY" BY BRUNO SURDO

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W: 36.0" D: 2.0" H: 40.0"

Chicago-based fine art painter Bruno A. Surdo is classically trained in drawing and oil painting in the tradition of Renaissance masters. With strong command of the human form, Surdo creates dynamic compositions of people and places that communicate a rich commentary on the world around him. Depicting trees from personal encounters, Surdo's latest body of work entitled "Tree Spirits" takes us on a foray into the forest, where leaves, branches and burls express something deeply personal. Applying his mastery of figurative realism to the natural world, he experiments with form and texture to uncover the intangible spirits of trees. Continued...



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Entitled "Hidden Sanctuary," this large mixed media painting uncovers the many signs of life that hide beneath a canopy of leaves. Departing from his usual realism, this painting experiments with a more abstract composition, presenting the tree as an all-over lattice of twigs, branches and leaves. Tucked between the spaces are squirrels, songbirds and woodpeckers, the countless small critters that find sanctuary in the tree. Safe amidst the branches, these creatures can thrive, grateful to the safe haven that offers food, shelter, and protection.

Jovial and upbeat, the painting's visual focus remains on the abundance of fruit and leaves that pattern the branches. The abstract pattern of leaves and branches emphasize the tree's capacity for movement and change. The dark backdrop of thicker branches adds depth and dimension to the leaves and gives the eyes a place to rest. A vibrant celebration of autumn and its many colors, the scene is awash with shades of orange, yellow and red against a pale blue sky.

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