



ALAN CRICHTON

New Watercolors

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HARVEST 2021
watercolor 5 x 7 inches

These watercolors emerged during the long, and very welcome, studio retreats imposed by Covid. Time suddenly opened up again to simply fix things and make things. The days seemed longer, and that felt good. Everywhere else there was chaos.

Virtual and digital realities and all their rush to do everything at once became blessedly useless, and I found myself back in real time - washing colors around, letting the brush swim and water evaporate, watching layers build.

These are small paintings, but they are packed. To me, they feel three times larger than they are. They feel spontaneous as any watercolor, yet I love their density. They aren't especially realistic, but they are generally representational.

The paintings start pretty randomly with colors and brushes I like and lots of watery, overlapping washes or definite strokes. A suggestion arises - either by subject or abstraction - and I take it up, see where it leads me, then often reject it.

Eventually I arrive with an image that says, "Hello, here I am. Do you see me?"
And that's when I stop.

Alan Crichton
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THROUGH THE GREEN FUSE
2021 watercolor 5 x 7 inches



HATE = FEAR
2021 watercolor 7 x 5 inches



SUNRISE
2021 watercolor 7 x 5 inches



FAMILY
2021 watercolor 5 x 7 inches



MOTHER EARTH IS REALLY PISSED
2021 watercolor 5 x 7 inches



BURNING LOVE
2021 watercolor