

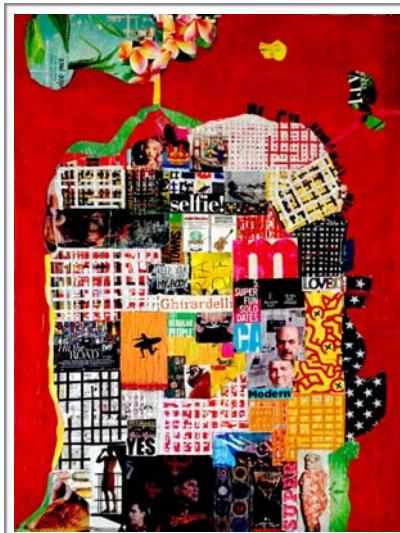
Tim HARPER

Says Tim Harper, "My love for art crosses many boundaries, many styles. I am very diverse and interested in just about every movement in art. Maybe that makes me an art chameleon, so I can identify with, and be inspired by, many styles. My biggest influences come from the Fauves and Abstract Modernism. I love color, energy and interest. I also love the written word and tend to put them in my paintings and assemblage, as seen in my Urban Distraction series. I include paint and anything I can rip up and put on the canvas, like printed words and images from magazines."

I draw a lot of inspiration from modern day artist, Mark Bradford, and Romare Beardon, the collage artist from Harlem. Great use of color and composition. My Urban Distraction series combines my love of world cities and abstract mixed media paintings. Big, bright, colorful. They are a burst of color from across the room, but a myriad of detail to look at up close.

I have been able to travel to many cities around the world which allowed me to see what artists are doing the world over. I believe you can draw inspiration from every artist and that's what I try to do. The world we live in today can be heavy and I want my art to lighten things up, with a smile or a laugh and a positive thought.

My wife and I have a charity to benefit children, Harper for Kids, which helps schools teach kids about character building based on UCLA Coach John Wooden's *Pyramid of Success*. I have two kids, a daughter Casey, and a son Jared."



San Francisco Red
2017 Mixed Media 40" x 30"
\$1200



San Francisco Blue
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