



THE NIAGARA PROJECT

An Artist's Homage

Thomas Kegler Fine Art Studio



“Niagara, Psalms 84:11” 96” x 30” Oil on Linen 2015

This major studio painting represents over a year of planning and constructing. Over 40 drawings and paintings (many studies done on location) laid the groundwork in preparation for this expansive work. “Niagara, Psalms 84:11” endeavors to share the beauty of one of the great natural wonders and evoke awareness and concern for the fragility of our natural environment. Every brushstroke was filmed in order to produce an instructional documentary demonstrating traditional oil painting approaches involved in constructing a large studio painting.



*"Then I saw, and considered it well:
I looked upon it, and
received instruction."*

Proverbs 24:32

Historically, artists have served as stewards and used their work as a call-to-action for environmental and societal concerns. 10% of the proceeds from the sale of this painting and DVDs will be donated to benefit Catholic Charities and various other not-for-profit and environmental organizations.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

“Painting Niagara: An Instructional Documentary”

with Thomas Kegler

This film presents the creation of a traditional landscape painting using layered techniques.

Witness every creative step including:

- initial concept sketches
- on-site plein air drawings and color studies
- refining the composition
- preparing the canvas
- grisaille underpainting: block- in
- first color layer: block-in
- second layer: refining color – value, temp, hue
- subsequent layers: glazing and scumbling
- final details
- varnishing
- making the traditional water-gilded frame
- making the gilded name plate
- artist's commentary

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