



## Meet Andrew Faulkner Contemporary Landscape Painter

We had the good fortune of connecting with Andrew Faulkner and we've shared our conversation below.

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**Hi Andrew, is there a quote or affirmation that's meaningful to you?**

“Follow your Bliss” – Joseph Campbell.

Joseph Campbell, modern day philosopher and author of “The Power of Myth” said “If you follow your bliss, you put yourself on a kind of track that has been there all the while, waiting for you, and the life that you ought to be living is the one you are living.”

I decided to give up a successful career in graphic design to pursue landscape painting seven years ago. Since then, my life is more creatively fulfilling and I am having the financial success that I ever dreamed possible.



"Reflesso" 48" x 36" - oil on canvas



**Let's talk shop? Tell us more about your career, what can you share with our community?**

As a child, I celebrated coloring outside the lines. Those loose imperfect marks define my gestural painting style to this day. Born into a family of artists, designers, and architects, my paintings fuse the structural sensibilities of my architect father and the often riotous color sense of my interior designer mother. I studied painting at Trinity College with colorist George Chapman who was a student of Joseph Albers and learned the art of defining space with color and value. After 30 years of success in the graphic design field, I decided to get a real job and become a painter. I use rich colors in my contemporary paintings to express a dramatic sense of light and space.

One of my biggest challenges is staying focused. There are so many subjects and styles that I want to explore, sometimes I need to stay "in one lane" for a bit. Currently my focus is on abstract landscapes and architectural interiors, my art is influenced by the vibrant colors of my Northern California surroundings. Many of my landscapes use what I call an "invented color space" where color breaks up the composition, achieving a sense of depth and atmosphere that can be open to the interpretation of the viewer.

"Luce Della Cita" 48" x 48"

- oil on canvas



If painting were a religion I would be praying to the saints: Matisse, Diebenkorn and Hockney.

**Let's say your best friend was visiting the area and you wanted to show them the best time ever. Where would you take them? Give us a little itinerary – say it was a week long trip, where would you eat, drink, visit, hang out, etc.**

I live in Mill Valley, just north of the GG Bridge. Twenty minutes from my house is the Golden Gate Park which is a universe unto itself. Aside from the natural beauty and walkability of the park, the de Young Museum, located inside, provides loads of inspiration. I've even painted several views of its stunning interiors and I make a point to go to several exhibits a year. The park is also home to the Japanese Tea Garden an oasis that transports you to Japan once you enter the gates. The SFMOMA is another art hot spot with beautiful contemporary interiors. Food-wise you can never go wrong with Greens Restaurant (unless you insist on eating meat)



and if you're into Dim Sum don't miss Yank Sing (reservations recommended).

**Shoutout is all about shouting out others who you feel deserve additional recognition and exposure. Who would you like to shoutout?**

Much of my success is due to the 70+ professional artist that work in the ICB Studio building in Sausalito where my art studio is located. This is an organized and friendly group that believes in shared success and resources. There is an energetic vibe in the building with a sense of community and tons of encouragement! We have an active artists association ([www.icbartists.com](http://www.icbartists.com)) with two large open studio events a year and several professional development events.

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Other: I also sell limited edition prints @ <https://www.afprints.com>