

Fall /Winter 2012

Journey with Marvin Oliver

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What's New

"Wishful Thinking," Marvin's latest serigraph, which was unveiled in early summer at the annual UW Raven's Feast graduation, depicts Orca hidden among the waves. Riding within Orca's dorsal fin is Sea Lion and Sockeye Salmon. As Orca moves in the water, embossed salmon surround them. The sockeye salmon are determined and persistent to reach their goal, their spawning site, but most are unable to due to the appetite of the Sea Lion. The Sea Lion strives to eat as many salmon as possible to survive the cold winter waters, but many succumb to the Orca. The ultimate lesson is to always be determined and persistent when striving for your goals no matter what obstacles stand in your way. Be like the sockeye salmon, hopeful that you WILL reach your ultimate goal. This signed limited edition serigraph is available for \$200 unframed & \$650 framed (Sea Green moulding)



Marvin Oliver Designs Print Commemorating Canoe Journey Milestone

By Richard Walker September 14, 2012



Photo courtesy Marylin Bard

In late summer, Marvin designed, "100 Canoes," to commemorate the 2012 Tribal Journey – Paddle to Squaxin Island. The title of the print is significant, as 2012 was the first year where 100 canoes participated in Tribal Journey since the first journey began in 1989. Marvin's father, Emmett Oliver, who organized the first Paddle to Seattle, had a dream to witness 100 canoes come ashore in his lifetime. At the age of 98 he was able to witness his dream come true. Marvin's sister, Marylin presented the print to the Squaxin Island Tribe during the Oliver Family Canoe's protocol. The photo above is a small portion of the print "100 Canoes," that was showcased in an article written by Richard Walker for Indian Country Today Media Network. Signed giclee prints of "100 Canoes" are available for \$100.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MAKING ART!

In 1987, Marvin and Brigette began their journey together. A few years later they started Alaska Eagle Arts with stationery cards promoting Marvin's designs. Today Alaska Eagle Arts has become a wonderful legacy for this husband and wife team. With Marvin's creative vision and Brigette's knowledge of the art world, Marvin has won many awards and commissions. Here's to many more years creating beautiful art together!



WORKS IN GLASS

The latest sculpture by Marvin is one of the most elaborate glass sculptures he has ever created. "Our River's Spirit," depicts a traditional fishing trap with the Salmon spirit captured within. Both the fish trap and Salmon Spirit are made from hand-blown glass. The Salmon Spirit, in the process of transforming into human, offers a salmon in his hands to his human relatives. Honoring the Salmon People is important to the lives and culture of the Pacific Northwest Coast tribes. By honoring them for their lives, the Salmon Spirit ensures that the salmon will return to the rivers every year.

Marvin's "Chiseler" sculpture is a beautiful rendition of a human figure carving ancient petroglyphs into the side of a rock. The "Chiseler" is made of hand blown glass in colors of purple, red, orange, green and yellow.



Photo courtesy of B. Ehrenberg

Side view of "Our River's Spirit."



The "Chiseler."

"Our River's Spirit" has been sold. The "Chiseler" is available for purchase! If you are interested in obtaining more information about "Chiseler" or other sculptures please contact Brigette at 206.633.3979 or brigette@marvinoliver.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Treasures of the Pacific Northwest Coast
Group Exhibition
Dec. 6 – Jan. 25th 2013
Stonington Gallery
Seattle, WA

Heard Museum Show
NEW WORKS IN GLASS!
March 2 – March 3, 2013
Phoenix, AZ

5th Anniversary of Sister Orca
July 3 -7th (tentative dates)
Umbria Jazz Festival begins
July 6th (2 week Jazz celebration)
Perugia, Italy

Indian Market
August 17th – August 18th
Santa Fe, NM

Art on the High Seas!

Marvin was commissioned to create a one-of-a-kind glass sculpture for a private yacht owner. The sculpture (pictured on the right) is installed in the corner of the cabin and depicts a Sea Lion swimming through a school of salmon. The head of the Sea Lion is hand blown in colors of browns, yellows and greens, while the salmon float in curved panes of cobalt blue glass with swirling hues of blue to created the feel of the moving ocean. The entire sculpture is backlit with white lights to create a soft glow in the cabin.



Wishing you all a peaceful, joyus Holiday Season & a healthy, prosperous and FUN 2013! - Marvin, Brigette and Family