

Guest Artist Brian Rock



Army Veteran Brian Rock will be our guest artist with a selection of his paintings on display at the concert and available for sale with all proceeds going to our charitable efforts. Brian served in the US Army from 2001-2013 taking part in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Joint Guardian as part of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division. He left the Army after achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant (E6) and has been painting ever since as therapy to deal with his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Brian uses mixed media in his Abstract Expressionist work that incorporates his memories of growing up in Belfast, Northern Ireland with his military experiences in order to "bring the images from the inside into the present".

Brian has shown his work in Los Angeles, New York City, Washington D.C. Miami, Pasadena , Baltimore and in states that include Kansas, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is currently working with the US Museum of the Army and numerous Veterans organizations. Brian's military awards include a Meritorious Service Medal, 5 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, NATO Medal, German Armed Forces Award and overseas ribbons.

Brian's work is featured on the Global Campaign against IEDs music video of Ian Anderson's Wootton Bassett Town from his Thick as a Brick 2 album.

Samples of Brian's compelling and thought provoking art:



Figure 1 - Ardoyne



Figure 2 - Never Forget



Figure 5 - Peaceline



Figure 4 - Burn

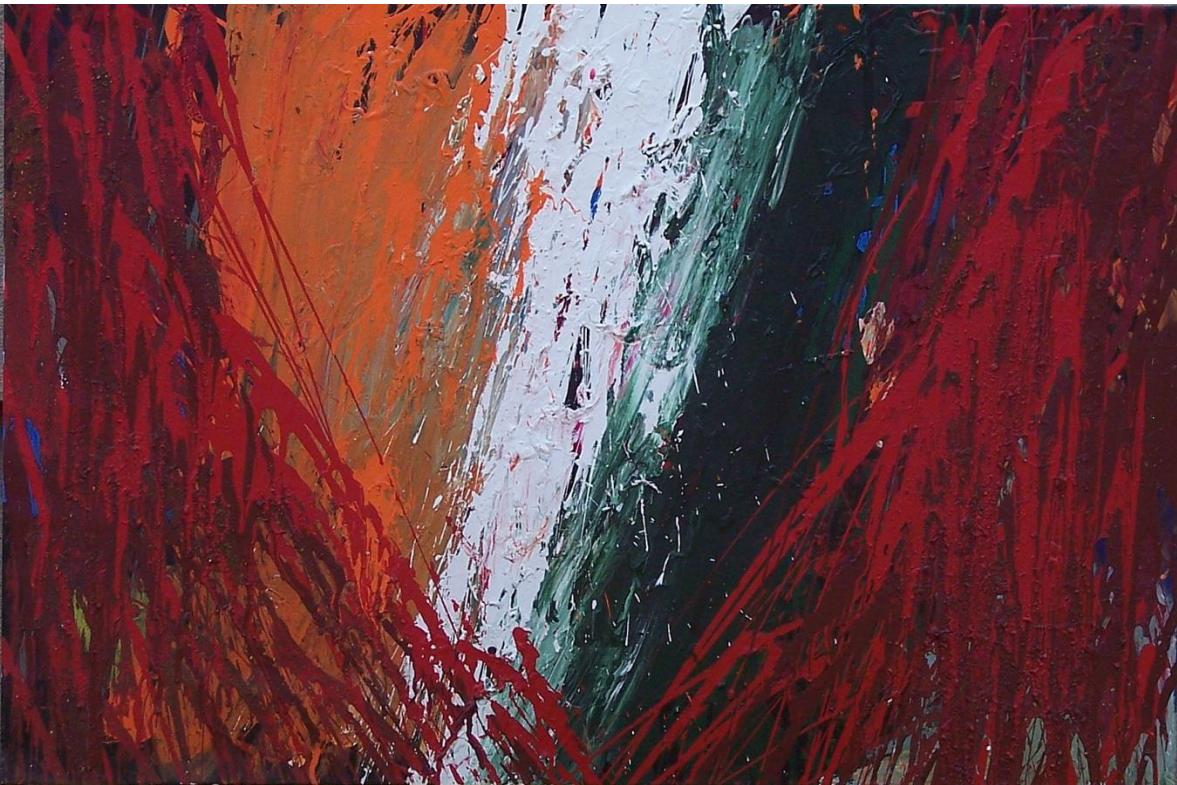


Figure 3 - Explosion