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Cover Art

Unbalanced, by Morgan Burgard
Acrylic and paper on canvas, 36" x 24"

Visual description

The cover art for this journal depicts a two dimensional abstract painting in vibrant shades of blue, green, yellow, peach, orange, red, and purple. Beginning on the left, the artist depicts stripes, triangles, and parallelograms of varying colors which intersect and come together, unified into larger, brightly colored squares, rectangles, and arrows. The shapes begin to transition from distinct shapes to indistinct smudges as the colors blur together gently near the bottom-right side of the painting. The overall effect is one of layers, crisp and distinct at the top and to the left, with deeper layers more indistinct.

Artist's Statement

Art allows me to explore emotion and connection. Art serves as a passion, therapy, means of expression, and a message I want to communicate to people: It is about being inspired and exploring a physical and mental perception that is unique to each individual.

I paint in the same way the brain thinks: creating new pathways and making new connections in order to understand. When my mind wonders my hands go along for the ride. Each turn and stroke, each color and mixture, and each figure and outline create something different for everyone. There is more than one way to understand and think about what has been made onto the canvas. There is an infinite number of pathways and connections within each piece. This is what is inside my mind, and I believe it's what my thinking looks like.