## Rafael DeSoto, Jr.

## Short Bio:

Rafael is a lifelong artist whose father was a renown New York illustrator. He received several California Art Council grants when the agency was first formed in the 70s. Rafael has been an art director and graphic designer for notable high-tech companies in the bay area. He now specializes in fine art painting and conducts classes and workshops throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

## Artist's Statement:

Painting is my salvation. Watercolors interest me because of the convenience, quick-drying, and nimble decision making which helps to improve my skills. I embrace intuition along with technical prowess. This helps enable my visual language to reveal sublime moments of clairvoyance. I believe that practice along with passion and respect for the creative process are key to developing one's talent.