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Artist Statement

Landscape is a universal language. Its images evoke a range of emotions, tapping into shared human experiences that transcend verbal expression. The beauty and force of the natural world, simultaneously comforting and formidable, serve as the foundation of my exploration.

A walk through the forest offers tranquility, while standing on a mountain peak instills a profound sense of awe. Observing the coordinated flight of migrating birds reinforces nature's perpetual cycles, highlighting the delicate balance we often disrupt. Conversely, the intensity of forest fires serves as a stark reminder of our impact on the natural order.

My artistic journey delves into the landscape as a window through which to consider our existence and our interconnectedness with the world. The work navigates the grounding and calming elements found in nature, juxtaposed against the unsettling signs of human intervention and exploitation.

Embedded within my creations is a deep longing to merge with nature, to embrace our role as responsible stewards. Simultaneously, there is an underlying concern for the survival of trees and our own sustainability. My work embodies an exploration of the delicate relationship between humanity and nature, prompting reflection on our responsibility as caretakers of the natural world and acknowledgment of the imminent threats that demand our attention and respect.