

Kapeles Museum & Manuscript Library

California Sky

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INFLUENCED BY THE LUMINOSITY OF CALIFORNIA COLOR AND BEAUTY, Atanas Karpeles's *California Sky* explores the positive energy force of each individual.

The exhibit is on view through March 31st at the Karpeles Museum & Manuscript Library, with an artist reception on Sunday, February 8th, from 1 to 4pm.



Atanas Karpeles

"When I'm beginning a painting and my ideas about what I want to do have begun to crystallize, I always keep three things in mind," shared Karpeles. "The color represents the soul, the composition

represents the spirit, and the lines represent the body."

The show features approximately 20 impressionistic paintings ranging in size from 30x34" to 48x60", intended to communicate personal inner harmony and balance, shape and line, and are all charged with the powerful force of color.

"There were many artists during the time of the Renaissance," Karpeles explained, "but there was only one Leonardo Da Vinci, because he transferred his very spirit onto the canvas in a way the others did not. I think you have to be passionate about your work for it to come



In Tone by **Atanas Karpeles**

across to the viewer; to hold them."

Karpeles' paintings have been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the United States and abroad, including the Susan Schomburg Gallery in Santa Monica, The Modern Art Gallery, The Don O'Melveny Gallery, The M.J.Higgins Gallery in Los Angeles, The Hyundai Gallery in Seoul, Korea, and the Sofia National Museum of Art in Sofia, Bulgaria. His works are also in private, public, and corporate collections, including those of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs in Mexico City, The Varna City Gallery in Bulgaria, The Ashkenazy Collection in West Hollywood.

The Museum is located at 21 W Anapamu, and is open daily from 10-4pm. For information call 962-5332, or visit www.robjacobsart.com.