

MICHAEL FLOHR



Mixed Media ON CANVAS

195 S.N. 25 APs

30" x 40"

ROMANCE IN THE RAIN

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by Michael Flohr

Nowhere in the world says “romance” like Rome, Italy. Piazza Navona has seen the seasons change and the rain fall and the sun come out once again. Its Baroque Roman architecture and art by Bernini, Rainaldi and Giacomo della Porta paint a picturesque scene of restaurants and cafes, sculptures and fountains, flower vendors and food vendors. Generation after generation has crossed its slick cobblestones arm in arm with a loved one.

As Michael Flohr paints it, the moment is now and the moment is always. His vision captures the transition after sudden rainfall when the sun just peeks out behind the clouds. The ground reflects the instant sunshine like a brilliant mirror, deflecting at different angles from its uneven surface. The cafe scene persists, and the couples walk on with their umbrellas up, too absorbed in their moment to know that the rain has paused.

Flohr creates the mood and emotion felt between two people with so little detail. His couple under the red umbrella multiplies throughout the composition. Even in the distance, just in the halo of the background arch, two lovers lean against the stone wall in an embrace. In just a gesture of the artist’s brush, we see the subtle tilt of the head and the leaning-in that signifies intimacy and love.