

MICHAEL SUMMERS



Mixed Media on Canvas

50 S.N.

48" x 27"

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Much of Michael Summers's work is about marching to the beat of your own drummer, but too often people rebel against social norms as an attempt to fit in with a particular group or clique. In his painting *Birds of a Feather*, we see a rainbow panoply of flamingos, each proudly wearing the color that they choose, including traditional pink. There is no judgement and no separation within the community. The colors shift as they occupy each other's space to demonstrate that each is willing to observe the world from a slightly different point of view in order to better understand their neighbors.

It is the differences and variety of color that makes this image so beautiful and fascinating. In coming together, the flamingos have created a powerful spectacle that they could not have done alone.