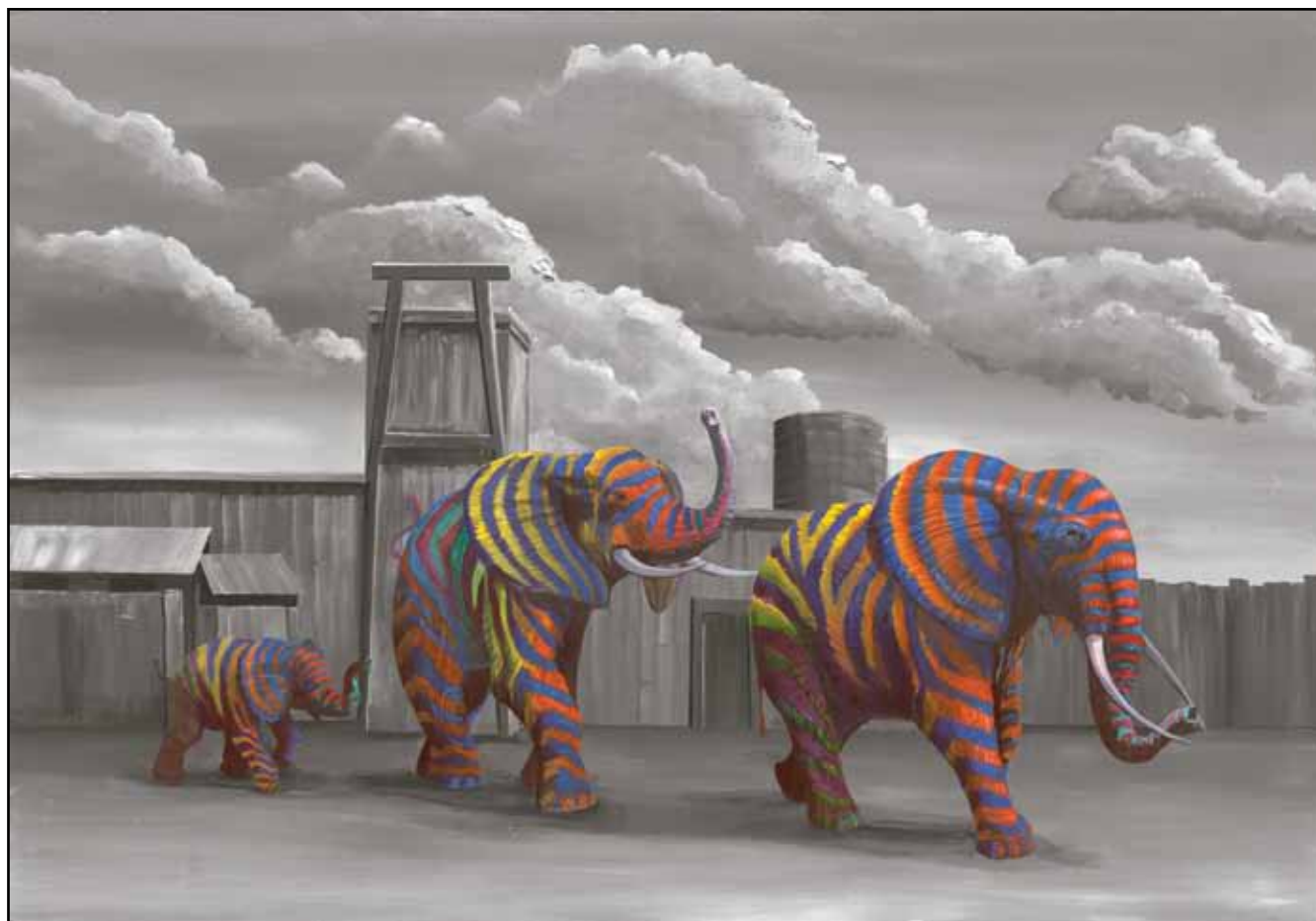


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Mixed Media on Canvas

50 S.N.

30" x 22.5"

## LIVING IN TECHNICOLOR

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*"Nature's great masterpiece, an elephant; the only harmless great thing."* -John Donne

Evoking thoughts of the exotic, elephants are creatures cast for their enormous scale, ivory tusks, and ancient appearance. In the case the the elephants depicted in *Living in Technicolor* by Michael Summers, we see the outlandishness exaggerated in the form of bold, technicolor stripes. And yet, it is their similarity to us as human beings that strikes us the most. We equate elephants with ourselves in many ways, especially in their intelligence level, which allows for self-awareness, memory, altruism, and an appreciation for art and music.

In this family of elephants, we can see an ideal depiction of wisdom and compassion. We can only strive to create an equally loving, protective, and accepting community.