

NICHOLAS SIMMONS

“Nicholas Simmons paints in watermedia on a scale that rivals oil painting. The subject matter is a dazzling mix of figures juxtaposed with printed lettering, graffiti, Japanese block prints, neon lights, reflections, and lavish corners of nature. The effect can be disorienting, as though a camera has taken a picture by accident, revealing an image that is both exciting and mysterious. The paint itself swirls, floods, drips, and spatters, driven on by the general excitement of the imagery and giving the work a sense that it was done in a rush in a matter of minutes.” *John Parks, Watercolor , Winter 2009*

That statement, a quote from John Parks pretty much captures the very essence of Nicholas’ approach, technique and result. If you take this workshop, be prepared to pour, spatter, drip and move the paint around with “careful abandonment;” the results may be astounding.

Nicholas is one of six painters in the newly-formed North American Watercolor Artists group, which will represent the United States in various international exhibitions.