

June 2018: *AD Maddox*

Background: I have admired AD Maddox's work on LinkedIn for some time now and wanted to share it with all of you. When you look at her oil on canvas and linen it's like you can reach out and touch her fly fishing objects! AD Maddox Studios (www.admaddox.com) exhibits all her work. AD also is a generous philanthropist giving to many wonderful organizations. Please help me welcome her! - Kirsten



TPNC: What attracted you to the type of art you create?

Maddox: I started my career out West and was drawn to the beauty of the landscape. I first began painting animals in the area and branched out to painting trout. My audience loved the work I produced so here I am over 20 years later still creating on this subject.

TPNC: What do you like about your art?

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Maddox: I love the colors, brushwork and composition. Some pieces are stronger than others but I love everything I create!



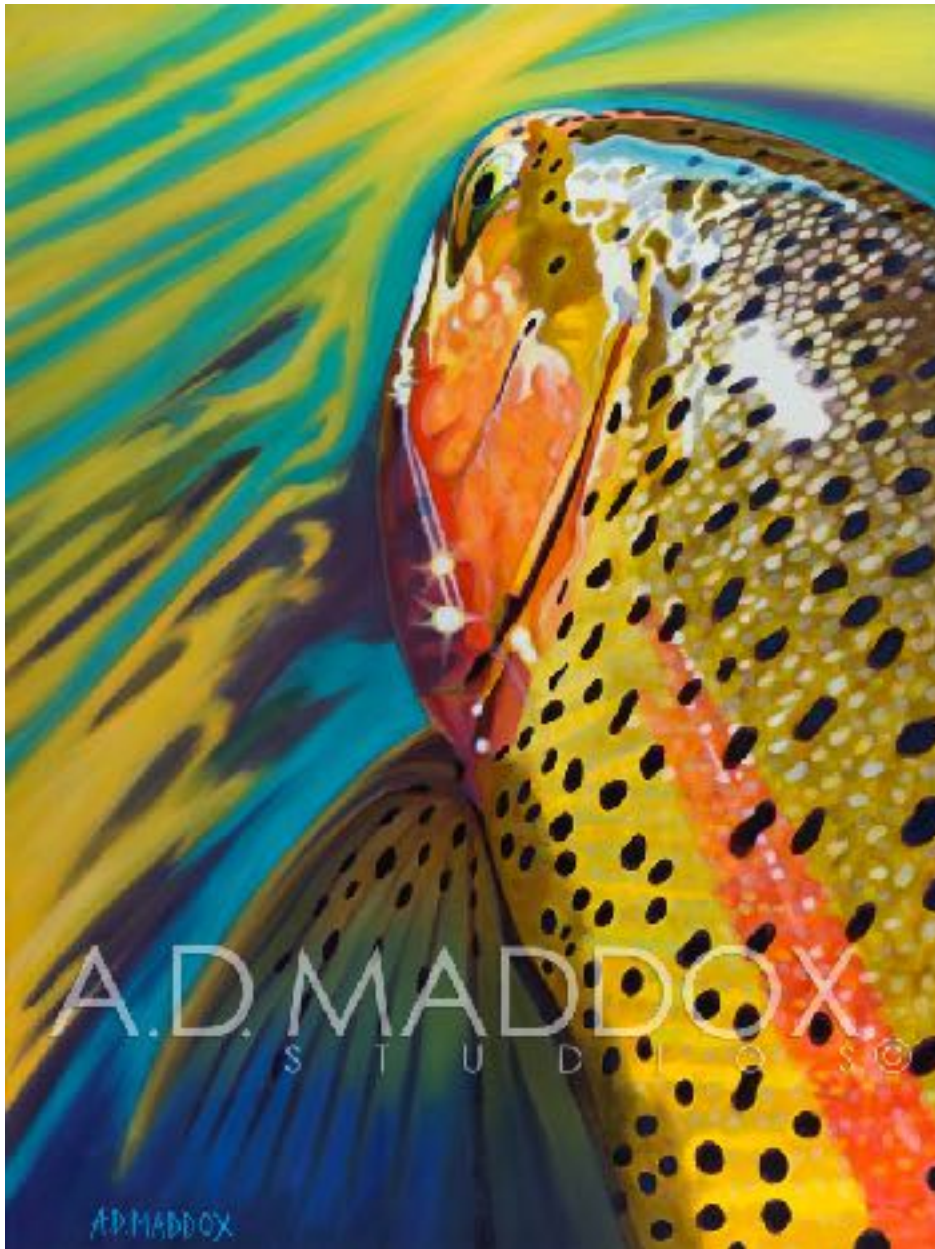
TPNC: What do you find challenging about your art?

Maddox: The challenges are working through pieces that misbehave. Blocking in a piece in the beginning is rather easy it's the fine tuning to move it into completion that can be challenging as each piece is different. Most paintings flow rather easily but there are a few that drag me through the mud to comp!

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TPNC: What kind of education (if any) did you find helpful in creating your art?

Maddox: I've had a few mentors along the way and took art classes in high school but I'm mostly self-taught which is an advantage as I've developed my own technology with painting.



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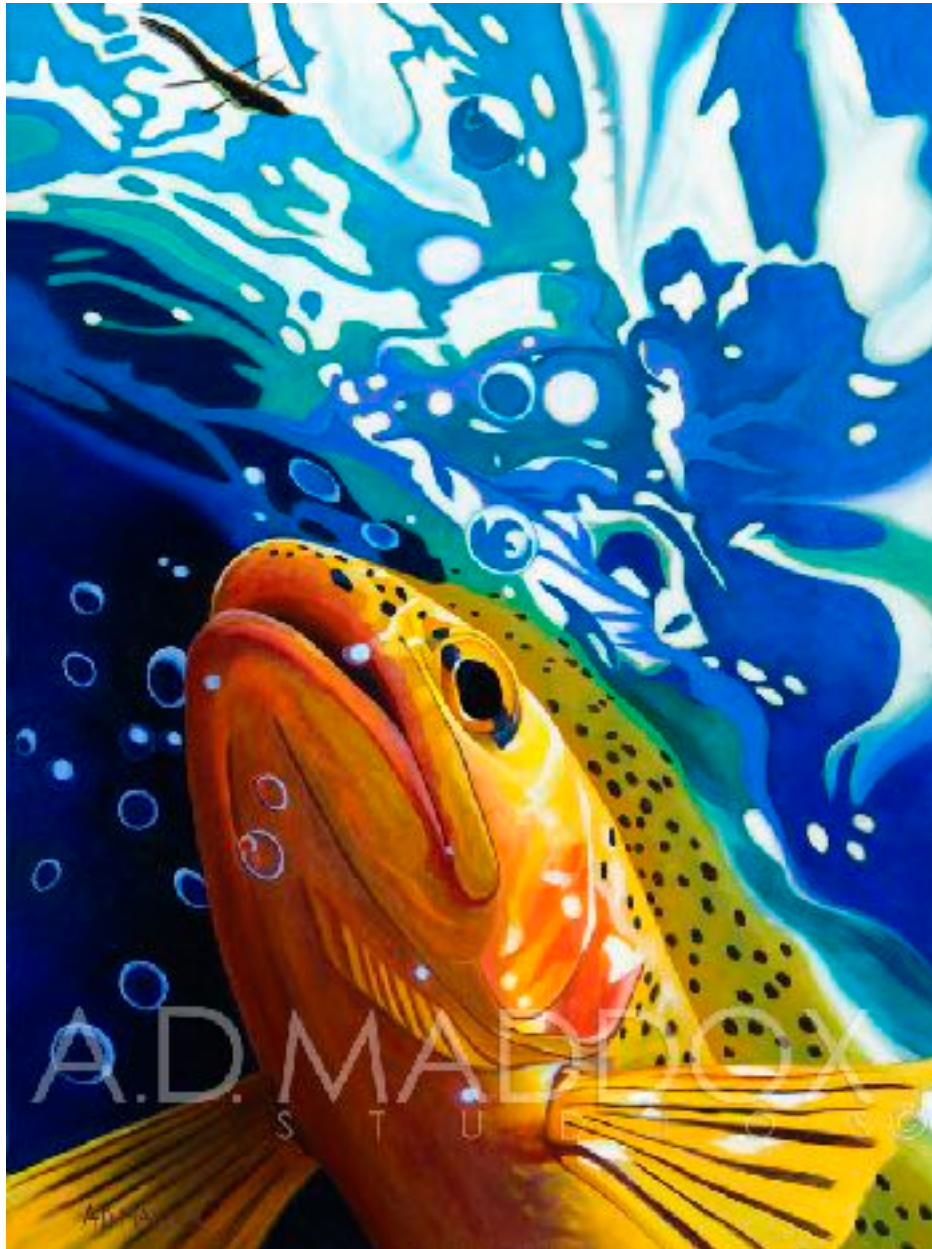
TPNC: Who influences your work?



Maddox: No one. I'm not really a spectator of art ... I just create my own thing.

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TPNC: What kind of advice would you give someone looking to get into this type of art?



Maddox: There's plenty of books available to read the basics on oil painting. There's also youtube tutorials and various internet sites that will help. My viewpoint is one can read and watch as much as one desires but learning how to paint takes practice. I'd advise them to get painting!