

Strength Color Grace

by **RAMON DIAZ**

“I feel very passionate about my subjects”, says the artist “there is a harmony within them that expresses itself without my help.”

True enough, his recent works center on Nishikigoi (The Lucky Carp).

On one hand, the Nishikigoi has been bred and collected as a source of luck, their multi-colored scales flashing just below the surface of the water have always reminded their owners of precious stones. They have been treasured in the Orient for centuries as the fish that swims upstream, even up waterfalls, to get to their objective. The traits of this fish, both physical and instinctive, have inspired people to strive and reap the rewards that hardwork brings.

Ramon Diaz gives his subjects a special character in that their colors, texture, and movement have an affirmative aura to them. They seem alive and almost willing to jump out of the canvas and into the room.

The artist states, “My personal belief is that the invigorating colors, my subjects, and their movements on the canvas are positively charged. When they are in any room they make people feel dynamic and happy. It is this focusing of energy that gives them the energy to accomplish.”

Ramon Diaz imbues that one important and unique factor, Life. His works are bold, alive and positive.