

## Greece



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Artists statement:

I was hooked on French Impressionism and Post Impressionism by the age of fifteen. Ever since, I have been on a journey perfecting my techniques and experimenting with different strokes, color combinations, and compositions in nature.

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When I paint oceanscapes, I try to recreate the peaceful feeling I have when I am watching and listening to the movement of the waves. The ocean is always in constant movement and makes me feel alive. I never know what my final result will be when I paint a sunset. I have to work very fast because the light changes rapidly and so do the magnificent colors in the sky. I really have to be open to whatever changes Mother Nature throws at me. But, in the end my imagination has the final say.

Thessaloniki, Greece is the city where my paternal family lived for more than a century until World War 11. During the war , all my relatives from Thessaloniki were taken to Auschwitz , where they perished. I wanted this sunset to represent the eternal light that shines for them in my heart onto their birthplace.



*"Thessaloniki Eternal Sunset" 42 cm X 35 cm*