

Horse Play –Valentine (2015)

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This Valentine painting was a donation to The Arts Depot in Abingdon, Virginia. Each year in February an art sale comprised of donated 6x6 paintings are offered to the public for just \$36 each. The theme is “Art from the Heart”. This annual fund raiser attracts large crowds to the Arts Depot, often forming a line before the doors open. Who can blame them... an original work of art for just \$36, in this age of inflation?! This is my first time contributing to the fund raiser and I decided to create two works that can be sold individually, or as a set. The second one of this set is titled, “Open Arms” and features a colorful octopus. These are my first Valentine themed works. Oh, for the love of art! I really wanted to keep these for myself...but, I did promise to donate them.

As a child I remember getting a Valentine card from one of my classmates. The card had a colorful seahorse on it and the wording, “Stop horsing around and be my Valentine!” That memory was the inspiration behind this dazzling colorful work. So now I ask you; will you be my Valentine or continue with your horse play?

