



Seth Chwast – Icons of Cayman

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Seth Chwast is an accomplished artist. He is also autistic. He cannot safely cross the street by himself. He rarely speaks. His art, however, speaks volumes. It is moving and powerful, and instantly conveys his contagious sense of joy.

Diagnosed with autism as a very young child, Chwast lived for years in a world of roller coasters, haunted houses, and classical music. A dramatic change came in 2003, when at age 20 he took an oil painting class at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Chwast soon began describing his world in paint. In the years since he has exhibited internationally and has work residing in public and private collections around the world.

Chwast has an innate ability to mix colours and create amazing works of art that reflect his own vision of the world around him allowing us, in turn, an insight into his unique life. His art and his journey serve as a reminder that through creativity we can overcome the most challenging odds.

Icons of Cayman featured works inspired by a visit the artist took to Grand Cayman and the Sister Islands in 2008.

Natalie Urquhart (nee Coleman), Curator

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