

TRENT ALTMAN HAS NEW YORK ART SHOW

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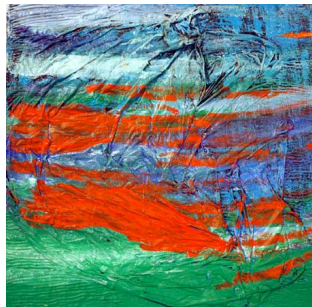
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Congratulations to Trent and his very first New York art show.

APW Gallery presents
World of Imagination Vol.2 a group
exhibition of square foot paintings.

The Square Foot Show is designed to be a community event to bring together art collector and artist.



A Summer Sunset



Grounded Energy



**Trent at Open Reception,
Kentucky Center for the Arts,
Arts & Crafts exhibition.
Louisville, KY**
Original painting "*Color of Life*",
February 2-March 6, 2009.

There are thousands of original, fresh artworks on show from living artists worldwide.

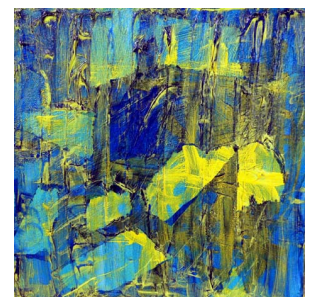
The Group exhibition is on 48-18 Van Dam St. Long Island City, NY 11101.

All the paintings on view are 12" x 12", fitting in any room.

Open reception was on March 6 and the show continues to March 29, 2009.



Healing Power



A Calm Delight

TRENT KEEPS HIS JOB, MEIJER STORE MANAGER RECEIVES AWARD



**Trent and Denny Simonavice,
Meijer Store Manager**

Trent Altman has been an employee at Meijer on Preston Highway in Louisville, KY for over six years. Trent's job title is general merchandizing clerk. Trent's success at learning new tasks and maintaining his job as a general clerk is due to the combined understanding and efforts of the team leaders, coworkers, and most importantly by Denny Simonavice the store manager. Seeing value in Trent's abilities while acknowledging his disability challenges has made all the difference in Trent's success as an employee.

At the date of hire in 2002, Troy Klabor, Trent's job coach and Barry Whaley the Director of Community Employment, negotiated a unique job arrangement for Trent at Meijer. Trent was hired along with Jason Williams, Trent's live-in assistant, and they became a team working together. This concept is very unusual and became the option that provided Trent the built-in supports to learn tasks and maintain his job with success. Because Mr. Simonavice accepted and approved of this unique idea, a door was opened for Trent to have employment.

Throughout the seven years, other coworkers also became involved in working with Trent on certain job tasks. Their efforts were all voluntary and Denny

Simonavice supported and approved of team's participation. His receptiveness has made all the difference to Trent's success.

Evidence of the Meijer team's is seen when Trent shops at Meijers with his family. At least five different employees approached Trent and expressed appreciation to the family for Trent's effort as an employee. The family has heard how Trent has inspired and motivated others.

In 2007 -2008 corporate policy at Meijer changed and required that every employee know how to do all the tasks across departments, including using the cash register. This presented an obstacle for Trent to keep his job. Once again, Denny Simonavice, with corporate approval, arranged that Trent maintain the job tasks he already was doing to continue working as he had before with a team support.

Because of Meijer's unique acceptance of an individual's capabilities and recognition of challenges, the Office of Rehabilitation and the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation would like to present Mr. Denny Simonavice and the team at Meijer Inc with this award for their positive actions and supports on behalf of Trent Altman and all Kentuckians with disabilities.

WHERE TRENT IS EXHIBITING THIS SPRING?

CHEROKEE TRIANGLE ART FAIR

CHEROKEE TRIANGLE

**APRIL 25-26,
10:00 TO 6:00 SAT.
10:00 TO 5:30 SUN.
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD
COURT
MORRIS DANCERS.**

ART IN THE ARBOR

**MAY 14- 15
THOMAS JEFFERSON
UNITARIAN CHURCH,
4936 BROWSBORO RD.
LOUISVILLE, KY**

AUTISM ONE, 2009

**WESTIN HOTEL, O'HARE
CHICAGO
ART GALLERY EXHIBIT
MAY 20-24**



Color of Life