A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ARTIST MARYBETH ROTHMAN AND THE GALLERY

As some of you might know, April 2024 is NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. What you're less likely to know is that, perhaps like a few of you, Marybeth Rothman has an autistic adult son. His name is Jack. Beginning today and extending through April 30, 2024, Rothman and I have agreed to donate 30% of the proceeds from the sale of any of her paintings or prints to SEATTLE CHILDREN'S AUTISM CENTER. (https://www.seattlechildrens.org/clinics/autism-center/)

We hope you'll participate in this, knowing that while you're enjoying one (or more) of Rothman's incredible and critically praised artworks, you're also helping another autistic boy or girl navigate through a world which, at best, most of them struggle to comprehend.

Please Join Us In Supporting This Important Cause With Your Purchase. Thank You.

<u>"PORTRAIT OF MY SON JACK AND HIS AUTISM"</u> (NFS)

"*Portrait of My Son Jack and His Autism* is a story told from a distant, isolated, and awkward place. This disorder has defined his place in the world, excluding him from society and denying him the beauty and subtleties of life. Armed with only a few utterances, Jack wanders through the world overwhelmed by words and sounds that he cannot understand and by people he will never know. Jack responds to the world viscerally, indifferent and at times, with small sparks of recognition.

I portray my son as he blocks out the sound in an ordinary situation, which, for him, is a storm that he cannot navigate. Despite the difficulties Jack faces, there exists a profound strength that shines through. Knowing Jack becomes a celebration of the resilience, love, and hope that define us all."

Marybeth Rothman