# The Art and Music of M. J. Herrick

# M. J. Herrick Biography:

Mark J. Herrick was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan. (Born in 1950)
He has a long family heritage in the arts.
His early influence includes his grandfather, Ralph W. Herrick, an architect,
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Hartwick Pines State Park and the CCC camp headquarters at Higgins Lake, in northern Michigan. Mark's grandmother painted wildlife pictures and his mother is a pastel chalk portrait artist. Mark's father is a retired banker.

After graduating from Waverly High School in 1968 Herrick worked for Glass and Foresberg Design. This business created technical manuals for General Motors. After several years of Commercial art, Herrick was hired as the illustrator for the chemistry department at Michigan State University.

During these early years of his career Hearrick created many replica paintings of the Masters. Past commissions include a Michelangelo painting of Ezekiel from the Sistine Chapel mural... Rembrant's Self-portrait ... Geronimo's Cadillac ... The Great Eastern Ship ... an oil painting of the first Oldsmobile, 1897... and many other paintings including original art painted in his own Maxfield Parrish - Edwardian style...

Mark illustrated the L.A.P.'s™ Millennium Education Program for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources entitled... L.A.P.'s™ Learn from the past, Appreciate the present, Preserve our outdoor heritage - Great STATE - Great PARKS - Great HISTORY! This supplemental curriculum teaches fourth grade students about Michigan's history and our natural resources through the study of our state parks.

The program was distributed to over one million fourth graders since the Fall of 1999.

Mark Herrick has presented to thousands of students in schools around the Great Lakes region.

For ten years Herrick illustrated a quarterly newsletter called; The Outdoors Explorers Club. This newsletter was provided free by the MDNR to children all around the state of Michigan. Herrick has illustrated and promoted many, new cartoon characters.

One of the featured cartoon characters from his early book publishing history was Buck Wilder\*. Buck is the featured cartoon character in the award winning Buck Wilder's - Small Fry Fishing Guide and Buck's Wilder's - Small Twig Hiking and Camping Guide,

This book series was written and illustrated together with Tim Smith of Traverse City, Michigan.

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#### M. J. Herrick Biography Continued:

A highlight in Mark's art career was creating a small cartoon poster of Buck Wilder® and Rascal Raccoon in spacesuits. The original art was sent into space with astronaut, Jerry Linenger. During the four and a half months on the Space Station Mir, Mark's drawing traveled over fifty million miles around the earth.

Mark says, "I never imagined having an art show in space!

During his school presentations Mark tells kids,
"If you try hard and are not afraid to make mistakes, you could also ... create something that is out of this world!"

In Herrick's later career he did several funny fish presentations at state parks, schools and other public gatherings around Michigan.

In 1999, Mark J. Herrick was selected by the American Egg Board to paint the Michigan - White House Easter Egg for the year 2000. After the Easter season, the eggs became part of the White House permanent collection and eventually became part of the Clinton Memorial Library.

On one side of the Michigan 2000 egg,
Mark painted a scene of a lighthouse cartoon character named ... "Beamer" with the Mackinac Bridge in the background.

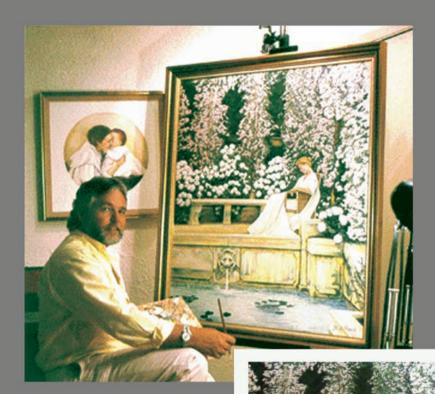
The other side of the egg features the two L.A.P.'s ants, Abby and Antonio, saying ... "DO L.A.P.'s for Michigan!". (Related to the Michigan History Program.)

Fifty artists were honored at a special luncheon at the White House in April, 2000.

In addition to art and illustration work, Herrick has had an interest in music theory and music education. In the recent years Herrick has developed a new visual approach to learning music thorough shapes, colors, cartoons and sounds.

M. J. Herrick has invented and illustrated the Harmony Matrix® and Visual Harmony®. This may be Herrick's greatest contribution to the fine arts and music education. This discovery is a new visual language for music which accelerates music learning. Herrick currently lives in Florida. He owns M. J. Herrick Studio - fine arts & music and North Star Production, Inc. a commercial art and video animation company.

## Fine Art: Original Oil Painting Page 4



The Garden - Opus VII Oil on canvas - 44" X 40" Sold on commission 15k

Limited Edition Art Print S/N - 350 26.5" X 24" On collectors art paper. Issued at \$300 now ... \$1,500



#### Sir Lawerance Alma Tadama



Above - Oil on canvas 2' x 3'

Right - Oll on canvas 24" x 28"



The Eyes of Wisdom

Oil on canvas - 2' x 3'

Owners - Edna and Mark Stephens

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#### The Love Letter

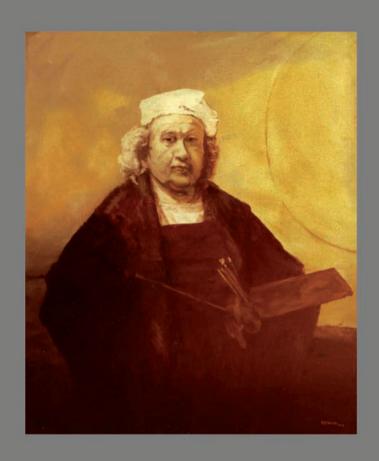
Oil on canvas 24" x 28" Sold on commission One of four paintings in a collection -30K Limited Editon Collectors Print S/N 700 24" x 28" Fits standard 36"x 48" Frame \$700 - prints are still available.



Ezekiel - From the Sistine Chapel

Oil on canvas 3' x 4'

Painting was the theme of a painting class given by Herrick. The painting was displayed at the state of Michigan capitol.



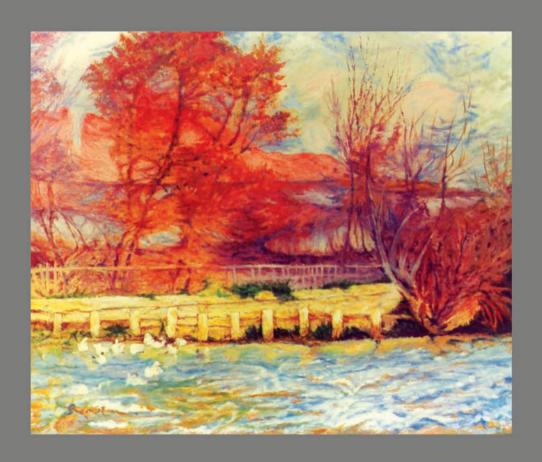
#### REMBRANT SELF-PORTRAIT

Oil on canvas 3' x 4'

De Luca's Restaurant - Lansing, Michigan Qwner - John De Luca



Murrillo - Replica with slight alterations. The banner has Hebrew words saying ... God is Love



Monet - The Pond

Oil on canvas - 4' x 6'

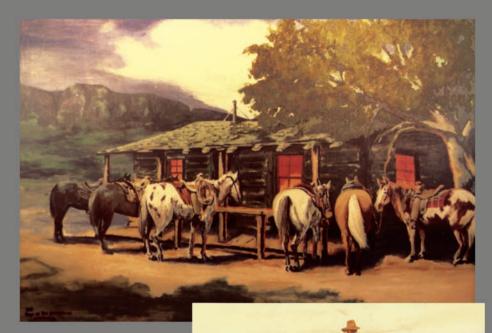
# Fine Art: Original Oil Painting Page 13



FIRST KISS

Oil on canvas

2'x 2'



Above 4' x 6'
Oil on canvas

#### Western Art

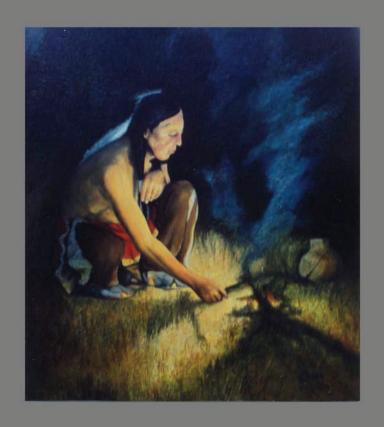
24" x 26" Oil on canvas



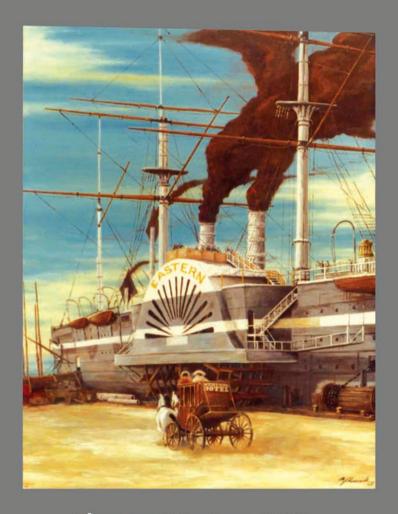
Silver Dallor Saloon
Period Oil Painting of Western California Coastline



This painting was created for the Silver Dollar Saloon -Restaurant and Entertainment Center - East Lansing, Michigan The building was designed by a Disney designer.



Commission By Saint Armond Circle Gallery Lido Beach, Florida



#### The Great Eastern -1860

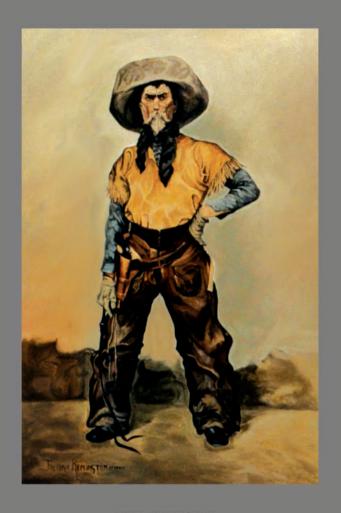
The Great Eastern was the largest Iron ship at the time. I laid the first telegraph cable across the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and The Americas. Oil on canvas - 3' x 4' Sold

# Fine Art: Original Oil Painting Page 18



#### GERONIMO - 1907 Oil on canvas 5' x 6'

From the historic photo of Geronimo's Cadillac.
Displayed in the Silver Dollar Saloon
East Lansing, Michigan
Sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Breaky



THE COWBOY
Fredric Remmington - Hand Painted Replica
Not at original scale
Oil on canvas - 2' x 3'



#### FIRST OLDSMOBILE 1897

Oil on canvas 3' x 4'

Displayed at Long's Convention Center - Lansing, Michigan and ... State of Michigan Historic Museum Gorden Long - Owner



#### Norman Rockwell - Rendition Oil Painting

Oil on canvas - 2' x 3'
The doctor's diaploma on wall has a certificate
made out to Doctor Jerry Chandler D.O.
Lansing, Michigan
Owner - Dr. Jerry Chandler

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## SAINT MARK'S - VENICE, ITALY

6' x 30' MURAL Acrylic Paint

Pizza Villa Restaurant Okemos, Michigan

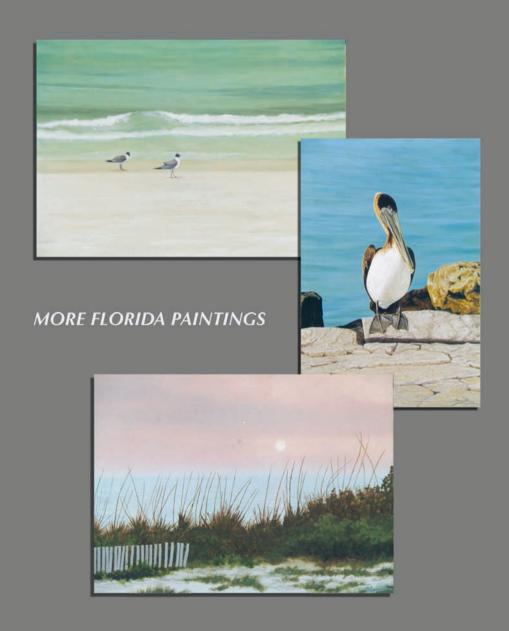
Painted in 1969



FLORIDA - SIESTA KEY BEACH - PORTRAITS
Acrylic paint on canvas
2' x 3'

Portrait work by commission.
Involves a photographic session on the beach.
Write M. J. Herrick studio for available scheduling.
Refer to website on last page!

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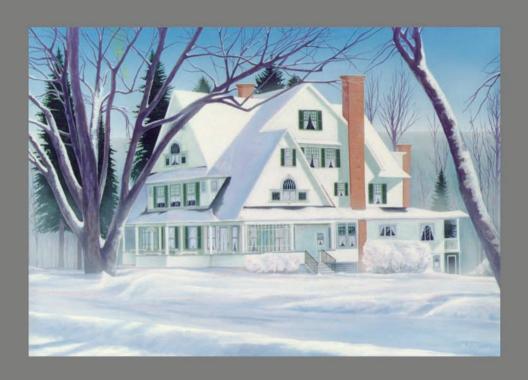


**BOAT PAINTINGS - BY PHOTO OR PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION** 



**WILDLIFE - PAINTINGS** 

## Fine Art: Oil Painting - Historic Home Page 26



#### THE GABLES

Oil on cnavas 2' x 3'

This home was formerly owned by President Taft

Vermont



#### THE RUNNERS

PAINTING IS OWNED BY Dr. Jerry Chandler - Lansing, Michigan

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PORTRIATS BY COMMISSION

May involve both a photographic session

and a posing session.

# Fine Art: New Original Art Form Page 29



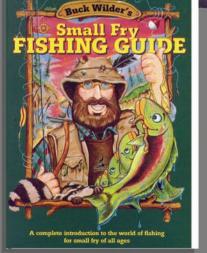
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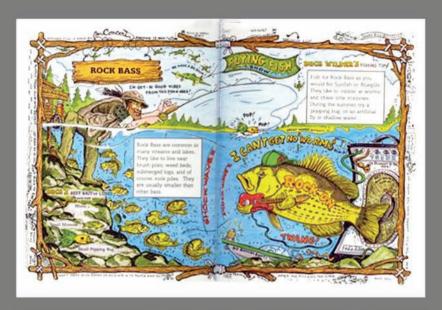


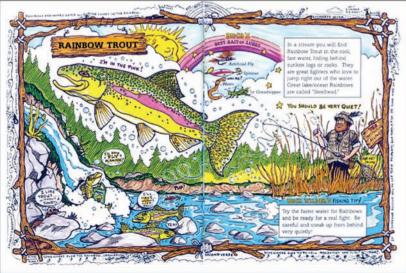




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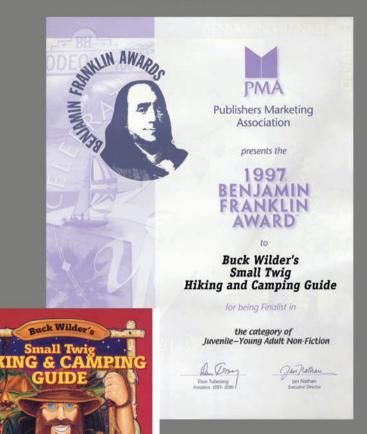
Self-published in 1995 120K Books sold first year State's number one selling paperback.





Pages from Buck Wilder's® - Small Fry Fishing Guide

#### NATIONAL BOOK AWARD



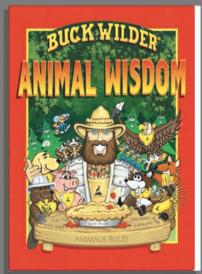
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#### BUCK WILDER® goes to over 600+ schools!



Buck Wilder® goes to space with Jerry Linenger -MIR

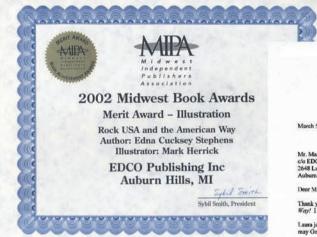




#### **BUCK WILDER®**

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#### ROCK U.S.A.® and the American Way!



National Book Award for illustration.



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 5, 2003

Mr. Mark J. Herrick c/o EDCO Publishing, Incorporated 2648 Lapcer Road Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

Dear Mr. Herrick:

Thank you for the copy of your book, Rock U.S.A. and...The American Way! I appreciate your kind gesture and thoughtfulness.

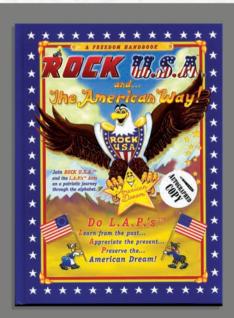
Laura joins me in sending our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.



ROCK U.S.A.®

Published by EDCO Publishing, Inc. 2002

American History with cartoons. Written By Edna C. Stephens



#### ROCK U.S.A. TM -

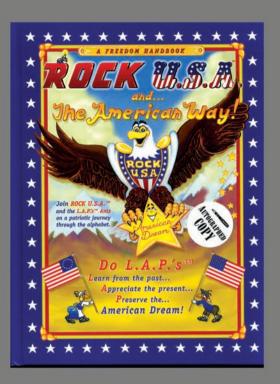
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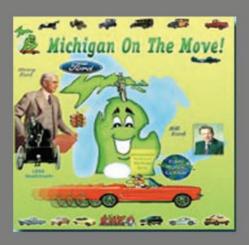






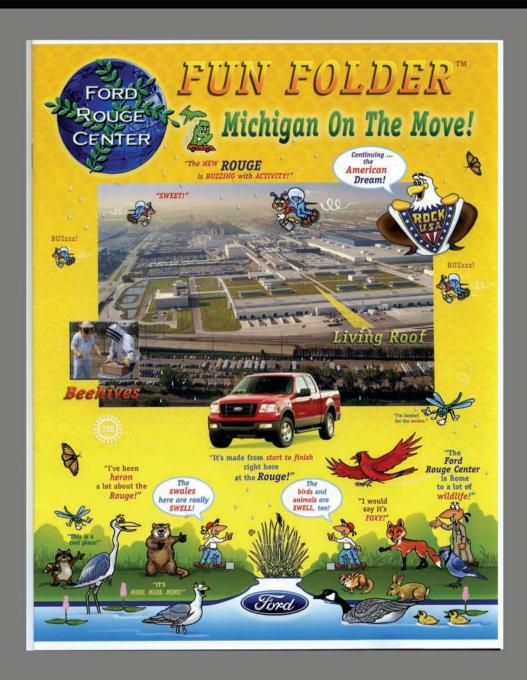
#### Walter P. Chrysler Museum

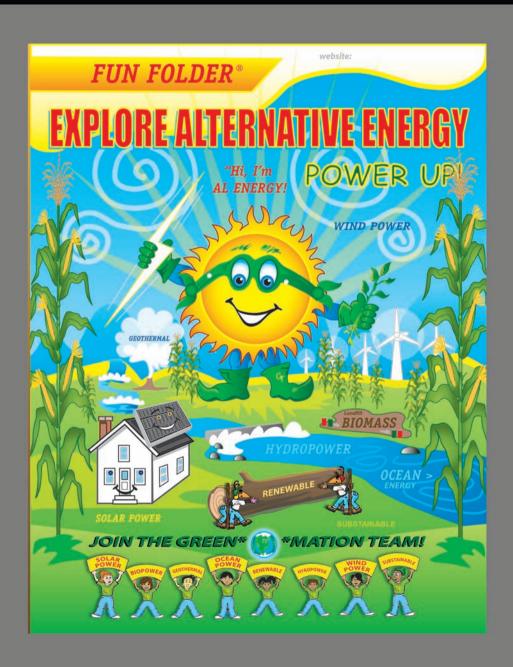


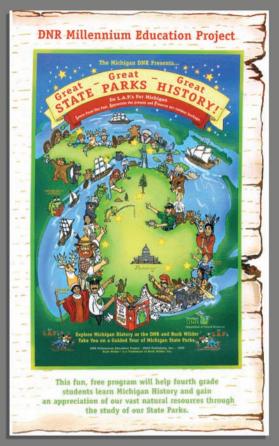


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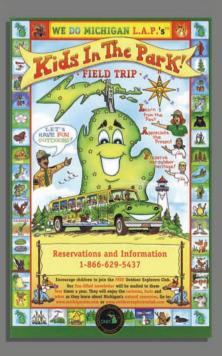


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Over 1 million kids have taken the program. The program integrates benchmark teaching standards with conservation and environmental education. Starring Forrest Trails, Sandy Dunes, the Great Lakes Kids and ... the famous L.A.P.'s Ants.





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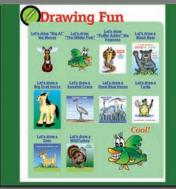
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# OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CLUB WEBSITE http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/edu/flash/DNRKids/KidsMain.html

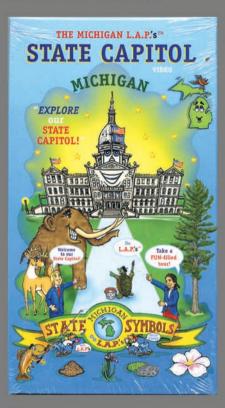






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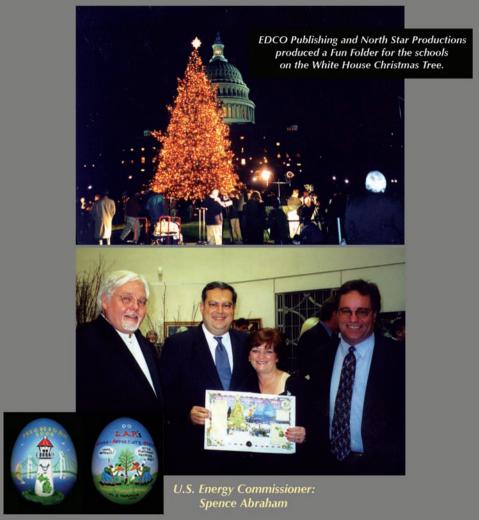






Governor Jennifer Grandhom

## IN THE YEAR 2000 - MICHIGAN WAS SELECTED TO PROVIDE THE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN.



Millenium 2000 Easter Egg -This eggshell was hand painted and displayed at the White House. It now resides in the Clinton Historical Museum.



# MUSIC By M. J. Herrick

Part 2



## 1974 - Grinnell's Music - Lansing Mall Lansing, Michigan

Commissioned by Rick Pruett- Jazz Guitarist Rick studied guitar with John McLaughlin.

# Music Art: Commercial Design Page 46

## Marshall Music Store - East Lansing, Michigan





3D Sculptured Mural with Interior Sign

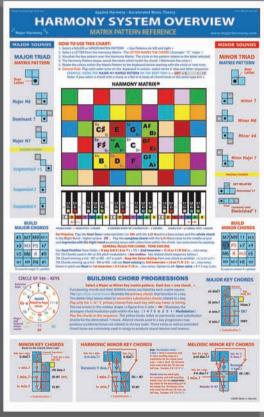
### New Visual Harmony® Music Theory



Braille - Harmony Matrix®

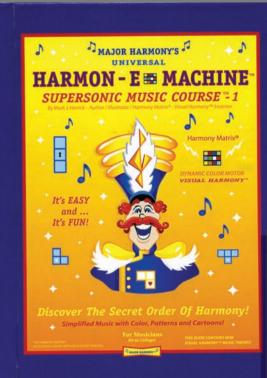
The Harmony Matrix® represents the complete unified structure of applied harmony.

Matrix box patterns and colors are related as music formulas. This is a new form of music theory termed; Visual Harmony®. After 35 years of drawing music charts the development of the HarmonyMatrix®.



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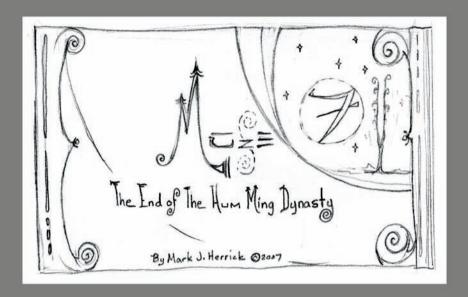
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