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## ESCAPE ARTIST By Mary Lou Janson

Gus Ocamposilva could easily paint a bleak picture of his native land's political unrest and social upheavals. Instead, the Colombian-born muralist, painter and sculptor expresses its beauty with vivid colors and emotive lines. After studying at Barcelona University in Spain, he returned home, but left with wife Lina in 2000 to seek safe refuge. Together, they travel extensively from their current home in Clearwater to display, promote and sell his art. "I am in a hurry," Ocamposilva acknowledges. "You never know. The world changes." [Ocamposilva.com](http://Ocamposilva.com).

