

# Muni Art Featured Artist: Richard Louis Perri

## Streets of San Francisco

Born in Rockville Centre, NY in 1944. After studying in the Southwest, I came to San Francisco in 1967 with "flowers in my hair." My main focus is making art as a Fine Artist Oil Painter. I'm experienced in creating work in various genres and in a diverse and varied subject matter. My art exhibited primarily in galleries and museums in San Francisco and also is permanently in the National Museums in Shenzhen and Wuhan China. I am known for painting the history of San Francisco and have been described by SF Chron staff writer Carl Nolte as "San Francisco's Greatest Undiscovered Artist" because I paint pictures of undiscovered places in San Francisco. I love this city, made it my home. It's my inspiration and would love the opportunity for my images to roll around town expressing it.



## The Changing Light

The changing light at San Francisco  
is none of your East Coast light  
none of your  
pearly light of Paris

The light of San Francisco  
is a sea light  
an island light

And the light of fog  
blanketing the hills  
drifting in at night  
through the Golden Gate  
to lie on the city at dawn

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## Recipe for Happiness in Khabarovsk or Anyplace

One grand boulevard with trees  
with one grand café in sun  
with strong black coffee in very small cups

One not necessarily very beautiful  
man or woman who loves you

One fine day

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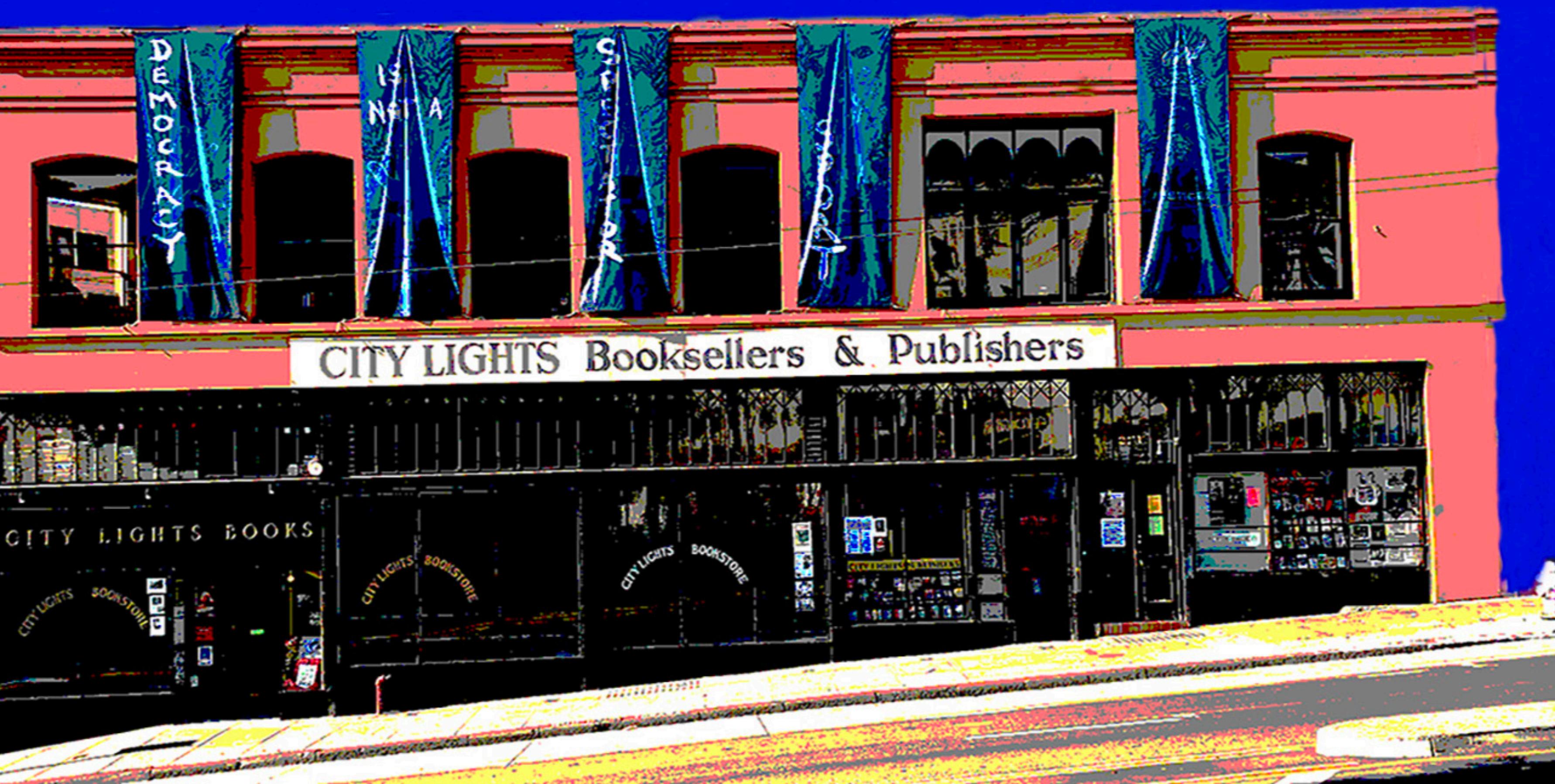
## Populist Manifesto

Poets, come out of your closets,  
Open your windows, open your doors,  
You have been holed up too long  
In your closed worlds.

Come down, come down  
from your Russian Hills and Telegraph Hills,  
your Beacon Hills and your Chapel Hills,  
your Mount Analogues and Montparnasses,  
down from your foothills and mountains,  
out of your tepees and domes.  
The trees are still falling  
and we'll to the woods no more.

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## At the Golden Gate

At the Golden Gate  
A single plover far at sea  
    wings across the horizon  
A single rower almost out of sight  
    rows his skull into eternity  
And I take a Buddha crystal in my hand  
    And begin becoming pure light

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## from What is Poetry?

It is what exists between the lines.

A true poem can create a divine stillness in the world.

It is made with the stillness of dreams.

It is far, far cries upon the beach at nightfall.

It is a lighthouse moving its megaphone over the sea.

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