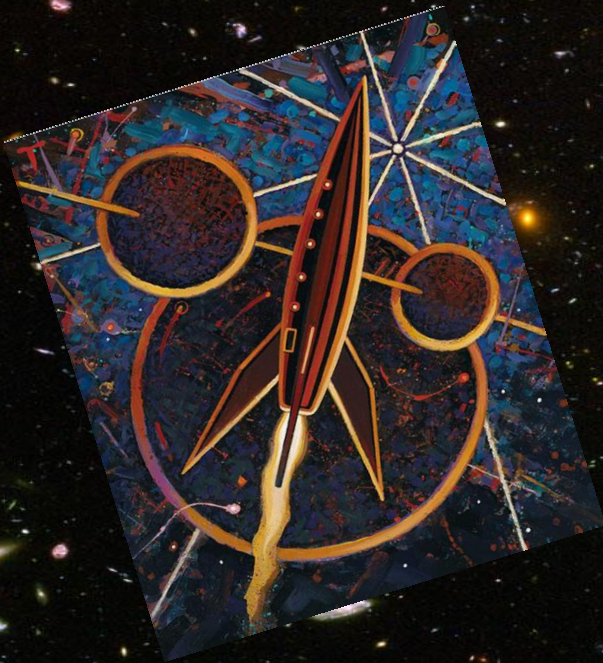


Lower KS2 Art

WB 29.06.20

Peter Thorpe



**Peter Joseph
Thorpe was born
on November 9,
1957, in Portland,
Oregon USA.**

**He is an abstract
artist.**



What is abstract art?

A painting or sculpture that does not represent a person, place or thing in the natural world.



About the Rocket Paintings:

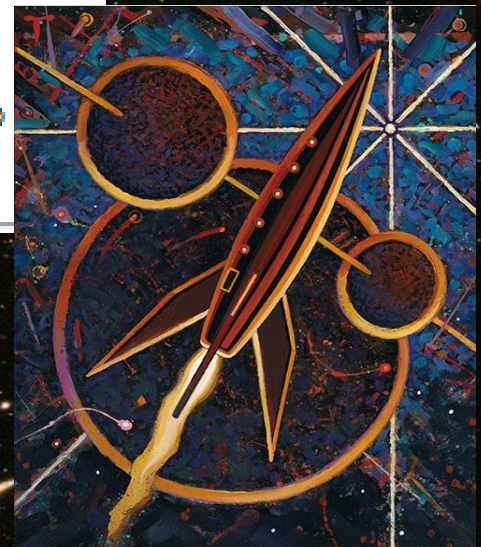
"I started the rocket paintings in the 1980s as a way to use paint that I would have otherwise thrown away. After each commercial job I did, there would be a pallet half full of paint left over and it pained me to toss it, but the next painting required a new pallet. It finally occurred to me that I could easily paint an abstract background on a blank board or canvas with the left over paint.

"But, what should I do with the abstracts?"

"I started to do figures, landscapes, and, as a long time space fan, rockets and planets on top of the backgrounds. Some of the figures and landscapes got noticed. But everyone loved the rockets.

"I have a life long love of space exploration, space science and science fiction, in that order. I've worked for years with pro-space groups as a graphic designer, and suddenly they were asking to buy my 'fine art' rocket paintings.

"People have liked the rocket paintings, so I continue to do them. Thank you to everyone who has supported them!"





Powered Orbit



Mars Landing



Standing Ready



Rocket #25



Rocket Race



Rocket #35



Rocket #17



Rocket #51

A vast field of galaxies, including spiral, elliptical, and irregular shapes, scattered across a dark cosmic background. The galaxies are in various colors, including yellow, blue, and purple, and vary in size and orientation. Some are bright and clear, while others are faint and distant.

**Challenge: Can you
paint/draw a space themed
picture in the style of artist
Peter Thorpe.**

Have fun!