

**INSPIRATION NEARLY WASHED**

**OUT** Stephen Mirich was finishing a sketch while the tide was rolling in along the shoreline at Inspiration Point in Palos Verdes, California. It was Saturday evening, July 6, 2013, and Mirich only needed a few more strokes of oil color to complete the painting, so he continued working even while knowing he was tempting fate. A friend had a sense of what might happen, so she started filming Mirich and the waves that crashed higher with each passing minute, and before long she had a record of the artist flying up from the rocks with his painting firmly in hand. "Spending some time painting at the beach was a wonderful way to celebrate the longest day of the year, despite the fact that I got drenched," Mirich says. "Hey, I saved the painting, and that's the most important thing." For more information, visit [www.mirich.net](http://www.mirich.net).

**Steve Mirich intently painting at Inspiration Point in Palos Verdes, CA**



**Mirich racing up off the rocks as a wave washes over him and his painting gear.**



**Northwest Swell, Golden Cove in Palos Verdes**

2013, oil, 9 x 12 in.

Collection the artist

Plein air

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