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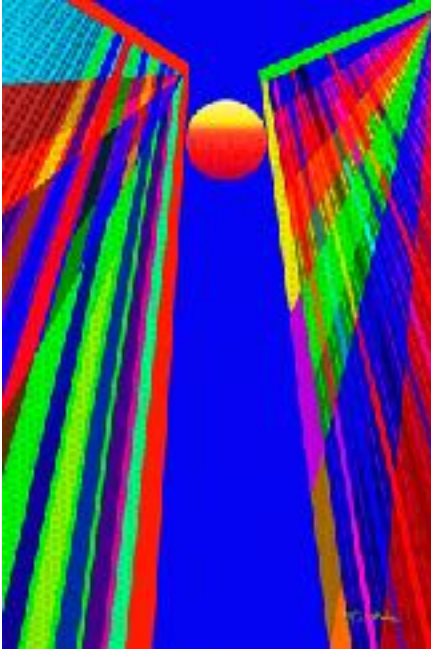
**Soka University's Founders Hall Art Gallery presents  
DISTANT VISIONS: Digital Images by Jay Gale**

**Aliso Viejo, CA** - Soka University is pleased to present "Distant Visions," an exhibition of outstanding large format digital works of art by visionary Laguna Niguel artist Jay Gale. The exhibit will run in Founders Hall Art Gallery from February 15 through May 12, 2017. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, March 2 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

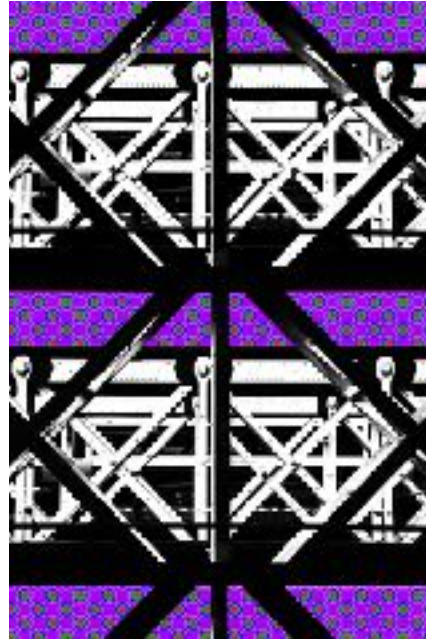
**Jay Gale** was born in 1945 and raised in New York City. He attended Queens College and in 1970 received his doctorate in psychology from the University of Tennessee. He began taking photographs when he was 8 years old on a "state of the art" Kodak Brownie camera and continued to develop that interest over the past 64 years. However, during the forty years he practiced as a clinical psychologist photography remained only a serious hobby. During his practice, he wrote four books which have been published internationally. This synthesis of his passion for photography and his expertise as a psychologist has created a unique perspective.

In his *Distant Visions* series Jay starts with photographically based digital images that immediately capture the viewer's attention in order to entice him or her into engaging the image up close. "*I want my art to get more than just a perfunctory glance*". Having the viewer's attention, the ambiguity of the images challenges the observer not to move on until his mind has projected his own interpretation onto the artistic puzzle, making the viewer a participant in the creative process.

Mr. Gale's goal is to create a synthesis in which his vision, together with each viewer's unique creative perspective, results in a memorable artistic experience. *I am not a person who decided to be an artist. Becoming a digital artist just seemed to happen.* - Jay Gale



Sunset LA - Jay Gale



RRXx2 - Jay Gale

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