

*Morning Light* is an oil painting of Blue Marsh Lake in Reading, Pennsylvania. The artist's goal was to capture the sunrise as it shone through the landscape in different rhythms of yellows and purples in impasto and palette knife.

About the artist, **Ren Hernandez** – Registered Nurse at Reading Hospital-Tower Health:

I have the privilege of providing nursing care to 20 different units within the health system. In my spare time, I am striving to become a master artist and painter. Art has always been a passion of mine but never truly realized how necessary it is in my life until the start of the COVID 2019 pandemic where I provided care to COVID patients in their most vulnerable time. I retreated into painting landscapes and making art for healing and solace. I am driven and inspired by the French Impressionists, Post-Impressionists, and Fauvists who explore brushwork, color, and new subject matter away from the conventions of academic art and I am hoping to follow in their footsteps while paving my own path. I am currently represented in a couple galleries in the Reading, PA area and have artwork collected in four countries.