

## ***WINTER WORK***

When thinking of something to paint, my current job was on my mind. I wanted the viewer to understand how I was feeling during those slow winter days after the crowds have left and there is ample time to reflect.

A gargoyle was a perfect symbol of how I felt. This came to me after traveling through Europe where gargoyles play an important role as cathedral protectors who ward off evil spirits. These protectors are impressively perched high atop the cathedrals in their own "lifeguard towers".

The protector that I painted would have to be positioned on the canvas portraying more than just stone. It would also need to have the spirit of a thinker. This is why he would be sitting like Rodan's sculpture, "The Thinker". I painted the gargoyle as a lifeguard sitting on a rescue boat on the beach in Del Mar.

This painting symbolizes my dedication as a lifeguard to the protection of my cathedral - the beach and the ocean.

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