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**Cover Artwork:** We are honored to feature artwork from Linda Bernstein on the cover of this issue of the *AJCM*.

Linda Ann Bernstein (March 13, 1958 – September 16, 2004) was a world-renowned artist whose huge talents utilized many different artistic media, from classical painting to modern computer enhanced photography. Her award winning artwork has been exhibited at Lincoln Center in New York City, as well as around the world from Monte Carlo, Monaco to Barcelona, Spain.

Her study of art also spanned continents, including studio art at Smith College, classical painting in Florence, Italy and computer art at The New York Institute of Technology where she was also an Assistant Professor. During her career she traveled extensively, and this is represented in her artwork. Her photography and her fine art reflect inspirations from her travels in North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, as well as influences from her studies in both Europe and North America.

Like too many great artists before her, Linda's tragic death at the early age of 46 stole one of the world's most eclectic artists from us at the height of her talents. However, her legacy endures, and examples of her artwork can be seen at a website dedicated to her at www.MRI2000.com.

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