

## Meet Our Speaker: **Brian Tomori**

The American-born son of an Okinawan mother, Brian Tomori is a formally trained artist whose fresh, contemporary style gives new life to traditional Edo Period Japanese Art. As Tomori explains, “There is a very historic look and feel through the use of strong, irregular texturing and my signature ‘tiling technique,’ yet the colors, composition, and attitude of the subjects are fresh and engaging.” Versatile in both style and subject matter, Brian focuses on Samurai and Geisha figurative works, as well as diverse explorations in Industrial Pop Surrealism. The former category clearly influenced by his Japanese-American heritage, while the latter is influenced by street art and urban environments experienced while working in the fashion industry in New York City and Miami. A dynamic visionary, Brian frequently is commissioned to paint one-of-a-kind works in both styles.

Originally from Grand Rapids Michigan, Brian received his formal art education from Kendall College of Art and Design, followed by several decades as a Corporate Creative Executive for world-renowned fashion and lifestyle brands including Perry Ellis, Kenneth Cole, Callaway Golf, and Nike Swim. Brian currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he does most of his painting and sketches at his studio located inside Thrive Gallery, 124 2nd Avenue North, Downtown St. Petersburg, Florida.

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY:** Lord, help me to see the extraordinary achievements of everyday life. Amen

**PROGRAM THIS WEEK:** **Brian Tomori, Artist**

**PROGRAM NEXT WEEK:** **George Donovan,  
The Liberian Experience**

**PROGRAM LAST WEEK:** **Bill Sherman, Eagle Lawn Care  
and Pest Control**

### Upcoming Events:

Aug 28th	Club Assembly
Sept 4th	Beth Mayday, YMCA
Sept 11th	District Governor Club visit
Sept 18th	Florida Botanical Gardens
Sept 25th	Tony Hurt, Meteorologist , National Weather Service