

Marni



## About the Painting

Hope, reflection, tragedy, rebirth, memoriam and honor are all captured in this beautiful tribute to the victims of the 35W Bridge Collapse.

The painting has a gentle, serene presence with 13 flowers arranged in the foreground on one side of the canvas. Each flower is symbolic of the cultural heritage of each of the 13 people who lost their life in the tragedy.

Across the top is an image of the new bridge with the Mississippi River flowing beneath and the Minneapolis skyline in the background. In the river floats debris with a rescue worker reaching out to aide a survivor. The debris is depicted almost like puzzle pieces that can fit back together, symbolizing our ability to pull together and move forward.

"I wanted it to honor the people who have lost their lives and to show how far we've come. I wanted to show how we pulled together to save so many lives and to show the resiliency of Minneapolis."—Marni Tobin.

**Flowers featured:**

*(Clockwise from Top)*

*Cone Flower—Nebraska,*

*(Winnebago Tribe)*

*Lilly—Minnesota*

*Daisy—Minnesota*

*Aloe—Kenya*

*Crocus—Greece*

*Wild Strawberry—Minnesota*

*(2 flowers symbolize mother*

*& child)*

*Lady Slipper—Minnesota*

*Violet—Minnesota*

*Cyclamen—Somalia (Flower, bud*

*and seed represent Mother, child*

*and fetus)*

*Dahlia—Mexico*

*Wild Iris—Minnesota*



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### 13 Flowers

13 Flowers represent the uniqueness and cultural diversity of those who lost their lives on the I-35W bridge collapse