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Adam Zins [00:00:10] Well I've always liked fishing. Growing up in Wisconsin and really just was looking for a subject matter looking for something to draw one time, this was about 12 years ago I'd say. Started looking at some of the salmon flies and just noticed you know wow that's got a lot of color that's got you know a lot of uniqueness to it. And the more I started getting into them, and drawing them, and painting them I realized that they are more like a snowflake. You know when each one is so individual and something unique and then it just kind of opened it up to it's an endless subject matter that you can you know tap into. It's what I like most about it.

Adam Zins [00:01:04] I think as an artist you really appreciate the beauty in just about everything whether that be nature or architecture or whatever. Being an artist out in nature if you're fishing I think you can just already appreciate the beauty that's all around you already. Down to you know little things that you notice as an artist I think say for example, if you're out in the mountains sometimes it's really easy to take in all that grandeur of the large scope. But as an artist sometimes you really notice like the smallest details down to the rocks down by your feet you know everything not just bigger picture it's really taking notice on the detail of everything down to the very small.

Adam Zins [00:02:04] My dad and my grandpa yeah growing up we always saw fishing at our cottage. I grew up in Madison here so fishing the lakes around here. It's been something our family has done.

Adam Zins [00:02:24] My brother got me into that, he's a much better fly fisherman than I am and he's much better at tying flies than I am, but he's the one who got me into it. And we do a lot of fly fishing up by our cottage in the middle of the state.

Adam Zins [00:02:46] I think the salmon flies just because of the color and the variety of feathers that they have in those. But I like the flies around here to some of the ones that you know are local because that's what you'd be using if you're around here. The salmon flies I think the definitely have the most color and visually.

James Thull [00:03:26] They're gorgeous.

Adam Zins [00:03:27] I like a lot of colors something that makes it look extraordinary. In school my art teacher always said, art is making the ordinary extraordinary. And that's what I think of something like a fly can be so small but if you see it in a different frame of light you know as a different size just makes you look at them differently. Same with like a Brook Trout because a Brook Trout is so tiny that the color that you know is in there and if you blow it up on a whole different size just makes you look at it differently. That's kind of what I was saying before is noticing that beauty in the little things.

Adam Zins [00:04:18] I think the Brook Trout, I love the color on those and I like the fact that they're so small. But I looked out west for awhile in Colorado and I like the Cutthroats those are always a cool looking trout to me too.

James Thull [00:04:37] What about for fishing? Do you have a thing that you like to fish for more?

Adam Zins [00:04:42] Well I liked the trout fishing around here but I like doing a lot of bass fishing too.

James Thull [00:04:48] Sure.

Adam Zins [00:04:53] Just the way you know they can hit hard and fast you know. Over by where our cottage is at there's a lot of lakes so we can just go around in a canoe just around some of these ponds.

Adam Zins [00:05:09] Yeah definitely especially you know on where it is and if that spot has a special meaning to you too. Yeah and if you can catch it on a fly that's hand tied yeah of course.

Adam Zins [00:05:31] Not that I've tied but I've caught them on one that my brother has. Well I remember my brother and me as kids one time we were up in the Minocqua area and...

James Thull [00:05:52] What's your brother's name?

Adam Zins [00:05:53] Aaron is his name. We rode out to like a little island and you know it's one of those ones where nobody's out there I think that really stuck out as one time I remember because he and I just felt like we were the only people out there. A few other times I remember he and I up on a creek and I actually caught a really big northern. And just it pulling our canoe around it was that big and that was fun. Two of the ones that stick out in mind as far as fishing stories and taking my kids.

Adam Zins [00:06:33] Yeah they like to fish. They haven't really done much of the fly fishing yet but they definitely get out there and fish in the summer with us.

Adam Zins [00:06:53] Oh yeah it's just about getting out there just being out there even if you don't catch anything. Sometimes it's to have that peace of mind that you can get or that meditative state that you can find yourself in. That's kind of how back to that earlier question about being an artist I mean when I see these things I think you can soak that in some of those just moments of sounds and smells. That's what it all wraps into the time. When you're driving back from the day even if you didn't catch anything better than being at work.

James Thull [00:07:37] Sure it's about the experience right.

Adam Zins [00:07:45] There's definitely I mean runoff affect from golf courses and pesticides and that sort of thing. I think there's definitely I don't know if we've seen it so much here in Wisconsin but it's definitely taking its toll on other parts of the world. They even found deet in the Mississippi River and that's just bug spray you know, so everything eventually runs down to something so.

James Thull [00:08:16] Everything flows to the sea right.

Adam Zins [00:08:18] Yeah.

Adam Zins [00:08:27] Well one thing I've noticed is Grouse and Pheseant as far as bird hunting definitely seen those numbers drop as far as from what I remember as a kid going bird hunting. You're walking through the woods and kicking them up left and right and now you might get lucky to kick one or two all day, and that's where I've really seen it. Personally, I don't think I've seen it as much in fishing but I do remember at times as a kid

just pulling out monster Bluegills ones you couldn't hold in your hands... hand fishing that's for sure. I noticed it in the birds.

Adam Zins [00:09:17] I definitely think it's something that's not a hoax it's a real thing. Oh yeah and any way that you can take your part to be green I think everybody should definitely.

Adam Zins [00:09:41] Well Argentina that would be cool to go down there good trout. And Montana I'd like to get out there I'd like to get up to Glacier National Park. Cause they're gonna say that glacier is not going to be around in twenty years.

Adam Zins [00:10:06] Heck keep it green always conscious always have awareness. Not just don't litter but awareness in your surroundings at all times no matter what you're doing. That's one thing I tell my kids all the time is just have awareness always be aware of your surroundings no matter what.