

TWO CULTURES

Mind's eye. Neurologist Audrius Plioplys overlays neural images on photographs of real objects to create "visual metaphors of the thought process." His "Thoughtful Sphinx" (below), for example, is an abstract painting that incorporates a rear view of Egypt's legendary sculpture.

Plioplys, who practices child neurology at Chicago's Mercy Hospital, began drawing during medical school in the 1970s and has gradually reduced his research in neurobiology and autism to devote more time to art. His work has been shown in, most recently, Eugene, Oregon; Cleveland, Ohio; and Marquette, Michigan, and is available through Chicago's Flatfile Galleries.

