



### **Artist Statement**

Ultimately, life experiences take us through journeys of stirred emotions that give us internal snapshots of memories. My goal is to bring forth a collage of these moments of despair to ecstasy and let the viewer decide which state of consciousness they want to dwell in.

My work focuses on combining abstract and representative elements to fuse both the literal intent that lends tangibility for my aims while allowing the viewer freedom to infuse individual meanings in the intangibilities of color, forms and shapes. The central message of my works seeks to illuminate man's indecency towards his fellow man and the emotional turmoil common to the universal human experience that ultimately bring us to an emergent experience of personal enlightenment.

Every painting, every brushstroke, every triumph and every disappointment I have experienced as an artist has led me to this point in my life and career. The fact that you are reading this is a testament to perseverance, hope and my continuing artistic journey. With each painting, I am working towards a lifelong dream of attending a traditional art academy in Florence, Italy.

I am currently a member the Portrait Society of America and Oil Painters of America. At the moment I'm working on finishing the current body of work that can be found on my website. I attend workshops of famous international painters every year and will be attending the Oil Painters of America's "2015 The Art of the Portrait Conference".

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