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Artist Statement

My passion for the visual world and the pursuit of making images began at any early age and has motivated my work as an artist. How images evoke memory, create metaphor, capture a relatedness between viewer and artist, awaken an aesthetic response has been an ongoing investigation. I work primarily from observation though often using my own photographs, as well as newspaper images and works from other artists as source material. A series of paintings usually evolves from a metaphoric theme, a pictorial problem of light and space or a dialogue created between abstraction and representation.

Drawing plays an important part in my creative process, whether to sharpen my perceptions or to discover the calligraphic mark underlying a gesture. As an artist I think of myself as a seeker; always experimenting with various media, looking for its expressive potentials, from pastel, charcoal, ink, acrylics, to oil paint. I am interested in how to combine the techniques of the Old Masters with modernist aesthetics, looking for ways to depict the space in an image as much as the subject. Currently my figurative paintings provide the greatest challenge in bringing all these elements together.