



## Artist Statement

When a piece of art captures something immediate and real, it gains a life of its own. In each painting and illustration I strive to represent that presence. As our interactions become faster and expression more immediate, I am compelled to respond by reflecting how we live and breathe at human scale.

My portraits bring you to a place where you feel the surroundings that affect the mood of the subject within them. I play with “painterly” details for transitions and textures, often using techniques such as pointillism and cross-hatching that can only be seen up close. I find life in traditional arts that directly reflect the hand of the artist and the materials.

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