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## Q & A

Q. Did you always want to be an artist?

A. *I have always wanted to be an artist, in fact I have always been one, though I think what the word 'artist' connotes for me is 'painter'.*

Q. What was the first gallery you visited?

A. *I first visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as a very small child.*

Q. What is the main challenge you face when beginning a painting?

A. *The main challenge I face in creating a painting is establishing the 'idea' of the painting, and hope that this 'idea' will have enough resonance and depth to it..*

Q. What memorable responses have you had to your work?

A. *I have had a variety of responses to my work, probably the most memorable being a sell-out show in America, in which a single collector bought all my paintings.*

Q. Where do you gather most of the inspiration for your work?

A. *I gather the inspiration for my work from a variety of sources including nature, other artists, books etc. Inspiration tends to be what 'begins' a painting, however I feel that often the real beginning of a work occurs somewhere down the road, perhaps at the moment in which the painting truly begins to be original and also when I become able to work in a direct and non self-conscious fashion..*

Q. How has your style developed throughout the years?

A. *My style has changed over time largely in that I have allowed my vision to expand, freeing myself from what I considered to be good or acceptable art. I have tried to bring more colour into my painting. I have also taken work beyond what I thought was appropriate technically.*

Q. What advice do you have for aspiring artists?

A. *A 'young' artist needs experience and truth. Thus he needs to meet other artists, look at nature, look at things, copy others and then look inside at his own being. Keep a diary.*

Q. What would people be surprised to learn about you?

A. *That I am very happy to spend days on end on my own painting with no interruptions. For me the act of painting is pure bliss.*

Q. What is your favourite holiday destination?

A. *My favorite holiday destination? The Sea.*



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