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Artist's Statement:

When I started painting, my search quickly led me to the fine art of portraiture. A human face is perhaps the ultimate subject of painting throughout the entire history of art. There is an incredible beauty in every person and the goal of an artist is to capture it. Whenever I have a chance to see the works of Old Masters I try and learn from them. My goal is to create a work of art which will stand the test of time and will last for many generations.

I equally enjoy painting still life and figurative as well as enjoy doing life studio drawing in charcoal. I am fascinated by a play of light and shadow on still life objects and on a human form and I try to express this fascination in my paintings and drawings.