

# john lendis —

*when reason sleeps, the sirens sing*



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Painting allows me to touch the world.  
Painting is my bit of magic.

I think that the magic happens between the tip of my brush and the surface of the painting, in that small space of nothingness before they touch.

Sometimes it really doesn't seem to have a lot to do with me I have always done a lot of reworking and crossing out in my work, trying to create beauty.

Trying to create a breathing space, for an idea to emerge from the endless, cacophony of imagery. But eventually, usually, it is the most obviously beautiful passages that must be crossed out.

I'm content to let the paintings be about wonder, not about giving answers, just about wonder.

It's a process of wonder really, and I hope that this has some value. I hope that my paintings help in some way.

## new paintings

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