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**W**asn't it Manet who taught, "Everything that needs to be said in art can be said with a small still life?" You'll see a unique version of this phenomenon on Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach. Here artist Marc Whitney has been showing and selling his enigmatic and beautiful paintings of beds – unmade beds. The beds have become a major draw capturing the imagination of collectors throughout California. Cindy Crawford has one hanging over her bed in Malibu. Although Marc has shown exclusively in Laguna Beach for over 20 years he is now being discovered by collectors worldwide.

■ What do the beds mean? Maybe nothing; maybe everything. The artist's wife says once in awhile she'll find someone standing in front of an unmade bed painting in tears. Do they see the passage of time or perhaps remembrance of a loved one? Whitney has the ability to create a single image that is mysteriously revealing of the full range of human feelings.



*Unmade Bed in Room* Original oil on linen 24"x 30"



Marc Whitney Paints PHOTO: Derek Sterkel



*Saucepan* Original oil on linen 28"x 48"



*Floral with Red Flower* Original oil on linen 78"x 60"

■ Is he a clever specialist able to paint only one thing well? Decidedly not. Whitney is classically trained and well-respected by Laguna's many prominent artists who recognize his natural ability to manipulate paint. His flowers, landscapes and still life paintings are some of the most sophisticated work I've seen in years.

■ Visit Whitney Gallery to see the unmade beds, but spend some time looking at Marc Whitney's other works, too. You'll find all of them filled with the same evocative and elusive poetry.

■ Located at 305 Forest Avenue in Laguna Beach, CA. Please call (949) 497-4322 for information and hours, or visit [www.marcwhitney.com](http://www.marcwhitney.com).



*It's a Bright Morning* Original oil on linen 30"x 40"

# WHITNEY GALLERY

contemporary fine art Laguna Beach



Marc Whitney

Saturday Morning

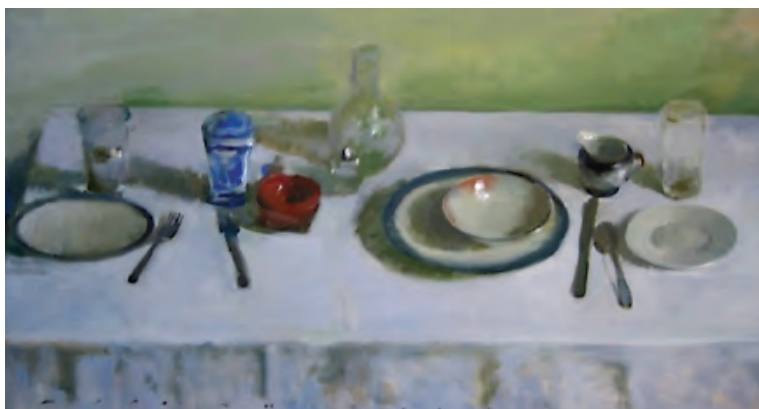
32" x 40"



Marc Whitney

View

30" x 40"



Marc Whitney

Blue Vase and Red Bowl

26" x 48"

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