

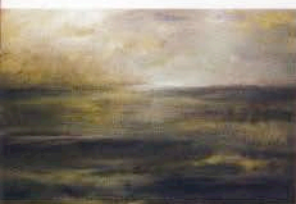
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MARC WHITNEY

Whitney Gallery in Laguna Beach

You'll find nearly a hundred galleries in Laguna Beach but none quite like Marc Whitney's Forest avenue showcase. It's no longer commonplace for an artist to own and manage a gallery that exhibits his own work yet Whitney would have it no other way. Being the proprietor allows him to interact directly with his collectors. Marc is one of the few regional artists who is unmistakable in style and subject matter. It's one thing for a painter to master a technique and quite another for that same artist to inject feeling and verve, he does both. His draftsmanship, composition, and color alone combine for a unique and artistic blend, yet it's his brushstroke that accents his mastery.

■ Experience and sensitivity as an owner have paid dividends and the gallery walls tastefully display his Classical Realist style, honoring this modern master's painterly approach. His strong draftsmanship serve as a solid foundation for his colorful interiors and figures and style invokes a sense of serenity: the beds offering an ethereal combination of tone, contrast and composition. Conversely, his large, powerful seascapes are subtly dynamic and yet somehow peaceful. It is in the seascapes where he really lets his brushstroke loose. He approaches his subjects with a liberated control, whether it be beds, seascapes, his brilliantly colored florals or his recent series of sinks and baths.

■ A lifelong painter, his history is impressive, a native Californian seemingly born to paint. At the ripe young age of 14 Whitney won a summer scholarship to the Art Institute of Southern California in Laguna Beach (now LCAD). Inspired by the emotion inherent in realism, he spent the following decade in intensive classical training at the prestigious Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. This seasoned combination of training laid a foundation for the nearly 30 years of work that has followed.



Marc Whitney *Standing Bather*
standing cast plaster hand patina
15.5 inches

Marc Whitney *White Sink With Blue and White Cloth*, Oil, 18 x 24 inches





Marc Whitney *Quiet Saturday*, Oil, 30 x 40 inches



■ His highly recognized unmade beds have made his gallery a Laguna favorite. However, his work has a much broader and more important impact, now proudly positioned in many prominent museum, corporate and private national and international collections.

■ So if you find yourself on Forest Avenue (or plan to be close by), take in Whitney Gallery – a must-see destination for anyone with an appreciation for fine brushstroke and color.

■ Whitney Gallery is located in the heart of downtown Laguna Beach at 305 Forest Avenue. For additional information and gallery hours please visit marcwhitney.com or call (949) 497-4322

Middle: Marc Whitney
Ranunculus, Oil
16 x 12 inches



Bottom: Marc Whitney
Yellow Chair in a Bright Room, Oil
30 x 24 inches