

# Expressions of Love

Christian Quintin is an artist of many mediums. Originally from Brittany, France, and now based in Santa Rosa, he creates the majority of his works in pen and ink, pastel and acrylic. His pieces are often large, bright and colorful in nature. "An artist feels compelled to create," Quintin explains. "It's not so much of a choice." Quintin trained for a time at the Academie des Beaux-Arts in Paris, but recognizes, "While you can take the techniques you learn, you still have to do the work yourself."

Quintin creates from what he feels and sees in life. "My style came from expressing my feelings, and as a result the subject matter is always flowing. There are no boundaries. Often the work is an expression of love. At first I would have said that my style is surrealist, but that's putting a specific label on it, and I think it's much more than that."



Quintin also says he doesn't lack inspiration to create. "For me, creating is a constant flow," he says. "I do one piece after the other." He recognizes that his work may not necessarily appeal to the masses, but those who don't inherently like his work tend to recognize the craft.

"People have good taste. They always want to buy your best work. There's a sense of a loss when you sell a piece, but then you feel inspired to create again. If you keep drawing what comes to you, you get good at accessing that creative place," he says. "If you continue, you'll eventually get past the litany of negative voices."

And while Quintin may not have a specific message he wants to convey with his work, hopes to bring people "a moment of unadulterated beauty and peace."

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