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## **Justin Love**

Justin Love, a native of New York City, has been a painter since 1986. He resides in the "colony of the arts" Woodstock, NY, and also has residences and studios in Jamaica, Vietnam and Thailand.

An accomplished and recorded musician, singer and composer, painting captured Justin's vivid imagination. He has found himself with a strong successful career as a visual artist with his paintings having an ethereal musical quality.

When asked to describe his approach to painting, Love replies "It's as if I am riding a bicycle down a hill, as fast as I am able, with the wind blowing through my hair, feeling ecstatically alive. Colors are streaming all around, and the collective consciousness of art is guiding my hand... I try not to get in the way."

A visit to Justin Love's Woodstock studio, a beautiful 118-year-old country church, camouflaged as a tree, renovated and called Loveland, is a trip into the playful mind of an artist who grew up in modern Pop culture. One is transported into a surreal kaleidoscope of mythical creatures, electrified mysteries, impossible hues and poetic passion all spinning with musical abandon. A simple sign "Miracles" invites one in. Love says, "That's the kinda place where I live."

In 2004, Love visited and fell in love with the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. He opened a screened room painting studio on the beach and returned there many winters to paint with a passion in this tropical paradise. His large scale canvases reflect the excitement the heat, sea, and exotic environment produce in him. He then moved on to a painting studio in Negril, Jamaica and for the past seven years he has been painting in Thailand and Vietnam.

Collectors all over the world have responded very enthusiastically to the magical mood Love communicates in his paintings. Having sold more than 3000 works of art, his most recent work is a series of large-scale photorealistic dream portraits.

Justin Love's music and painting continue to go hand in hand. He has recently recorded some new songs in Jamaica, and focused on his dream portraits.

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