



## Artist Spotlight: Timothy Leistner



**Name:** Timothy Leistner

**City:** Fort Lauderdale

**Birthplace:** I am a Midwesterner at heart. I was born in Toledo, Ohio.

**Artistic Medium:** I primarily consider myself a painter. I

for the most part work in watercolors, acrylics, and sometimes oils. I also create fine art photography (35 mm photography) and work with mixed media. I have recently worked on completing sculptural pieces made from metal.

### **To Who or What are your influences?**

I am affected by so many inspirations - especially people, including the children I have worked with. They are so free and consider the course of action more important than the final result. I am also influenced by fellow artists, with whom I enjoy sharing my time. I absolutely love the artworks

of such masters as Gustave Caillebotte, Norman Rockwell, and Gustav Klimt and the photography of Herb Ritz, Annie Leibovitz, and Ken Haak.

**What inspires your work?**

I create from the scenes and visions I see within my personal life. Mine are images of people and the places I encounter. I frequently aim for an unspoken impression which will convey stories that may be obvious or concealed to the viewer. Many of my works are decipherable while others are not literal and have underlying intimate messages. Color and non-color are important elements to me evoking energy and strong emotion or awareness of a quiet stillness.

**How does Miami/South Florida influence your work?**

The "light" within the South Florida environment influences my work. I love the result the light gives on subjects. I also feel there is energy from the environment—included, but not limited to the physical environment—the beach and the people.

**How would you describe your work?**

My work is personal and diverse. Art writer Michael Mills recently said of my work, "Leistner, for his part, works all over the map but in a charming way that suggests not flightiness but artistic curiosity. You may pick up on his straightforward photography. Or perhaps you'll notice the mixed-media works for which he prints color photos on watercolor paper, then paints over them to create ghostly layered effects that play tricks on the eye."

**What has been the most unusual reaction to your work from the public?**

One of my good friends and fellow photographers recently saw a photograph of mine exhibited in a juried art show. Although he has often seen my work he did not recognize my style nor know it was my work. I like to try new techniques and continually grow. I now typically work to complete a series of different works, which find themselves into my larger quantity of work.

**What would you like to achieve as an artist?**

I primarily want to continue creating and growing as an artist—for myself,

my family, friends, and my collectors. I plan to publish new books and include my art in books for children. Children's literature is another of my passions. I would like to show in more international venues. Eventually I would love to have my work in a permanent collection in a major museum.

**Upcoming shows:**

The work of Timothy Leistner will be featured in the following upcoming shows:

"Abracadabra Invitation only exhibit" through February 12 at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 1650 Harrison St., Hollywood, 954-921-3274  
<http://www.artandculturecenter.org/>

"Conscious Conscience" Exhibition, January-February, 2009  
Artist's Eye Fine Art Gallery, 38 South Federal Hwy., #2, (In the shops of Canterbury Square) Dania Beach, 954-554-3153  
[artistseyeinc@yahoo.com](mailto:artistseyeinc@yahoo.com)

"Face To Face" Exhibition, April 7-30, 2009, Reception Saturday April 7, 2009 7-9 PM, Art Expressions Gallery, 1438 NE 26th St., Fort Lauderdale, 954-537-9000 [infor@artexpressions.tk](mailto:infor@artexpressions.tk)  
<http://www.artexpressions.tk/>

Timothy Leistner-Solo Exhibition, June, 2009, at Steve's Espresso Café Gallery, in the Student Union Building, Florida Atlantic University, 2912 College Ave. Davie, 954 554-3153

**Where is your work available?**

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<mailto:artistseyeinc@yahoo.com>

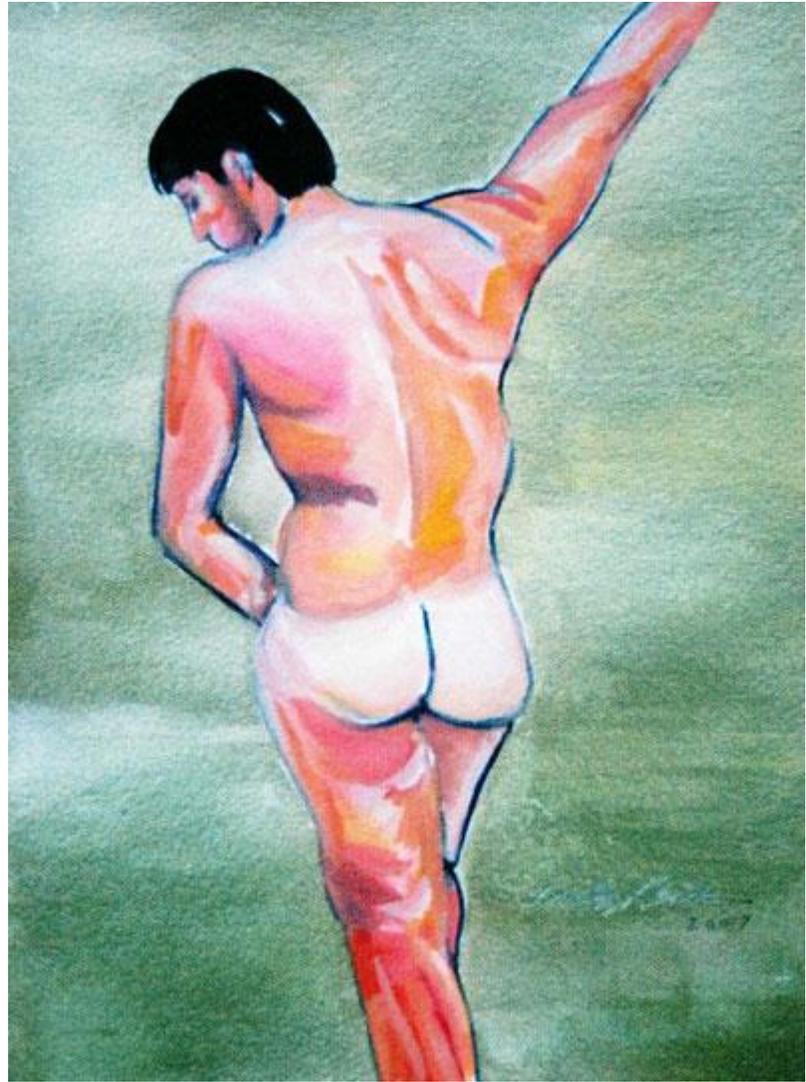
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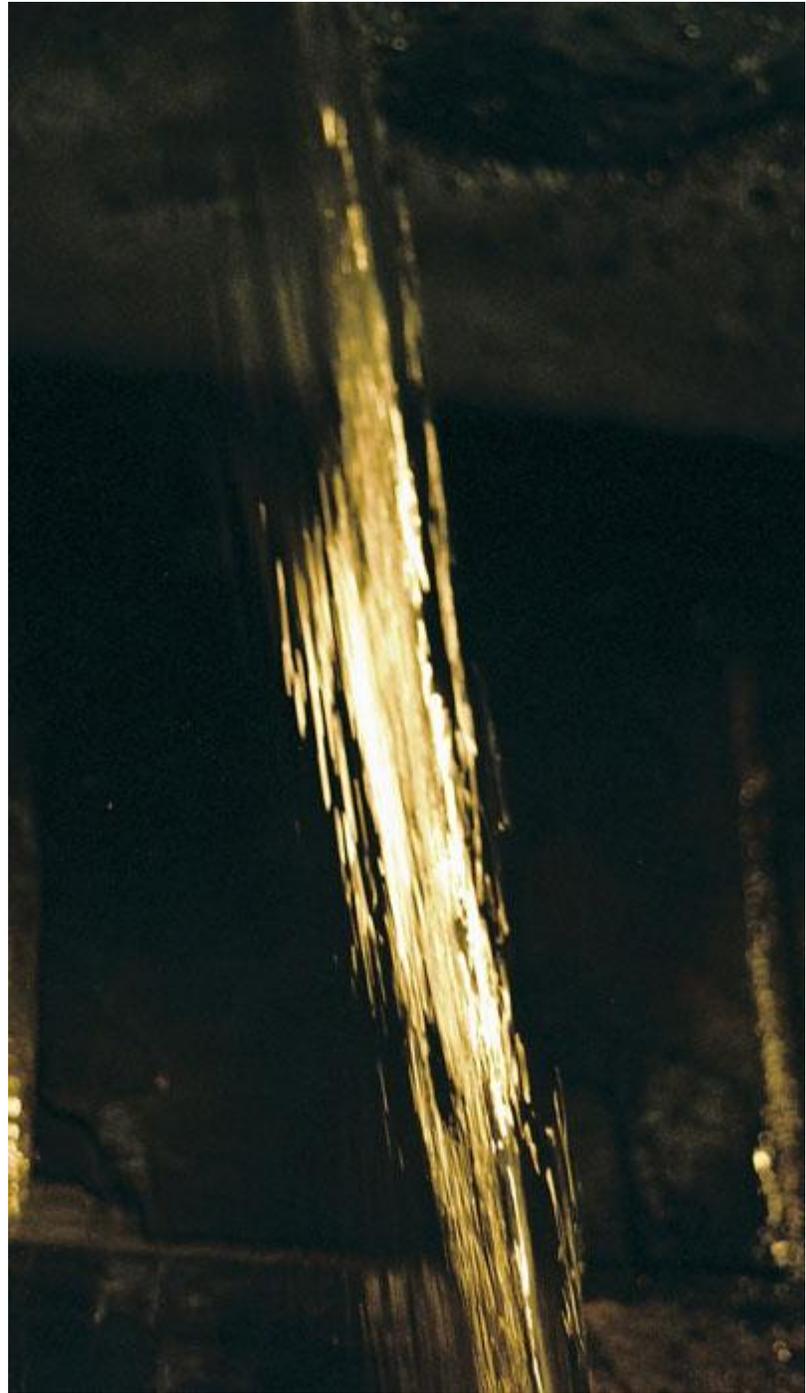
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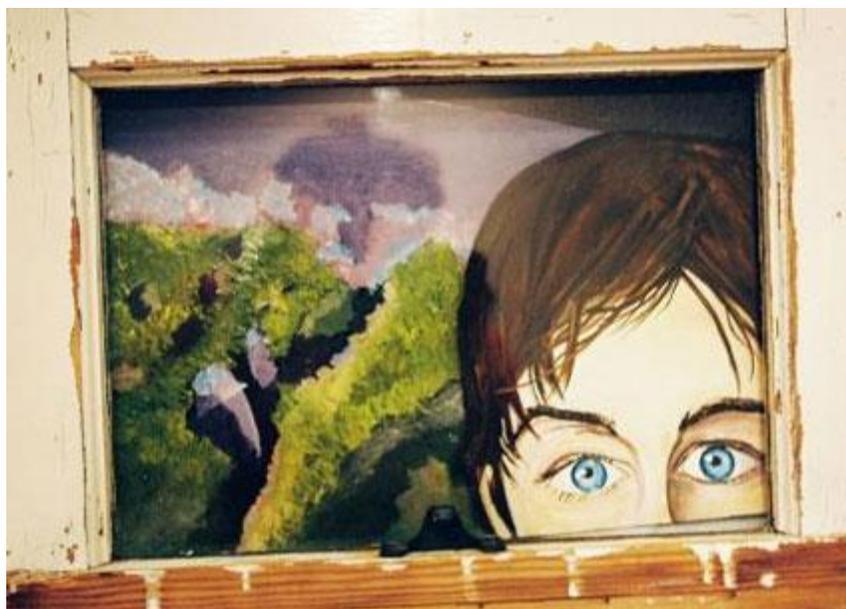
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