

# JESSE RENO



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Jesse Reno lives and works in a converted church in Portland, Oregon where he usually has a dozen paintings in progress at any one time. He creates his work on canvas and wooden panels, using acrylic paints, oil pastels, colored pencils, and screen printing.

I am a self-taught mixed media painter. I've been supporting myself from my art for the last 12 years. In that time, I've created over 4000 paintings. My prices have risen 1000%. I have sold almost 90% of everything I have created. I have been the sole manager of my career with no business background. I have shown in over 100 galleries. I have taught my techniques and ideas about painting extensively in the US, Canada, Australia, and Mexico. I do not do commercial work. I only take on work where I am free to create as I wish and be myself. I have never pre-planned or conceptualized a painting in my entire career. I could tell you a lot of stories.



For me painting is - finding treasure - what it is - what it means - if you know what you are looking for you will find it - burying something in the ground and digging it up doesn't make it treasure - the best treasure is unknown - it is a lesson - this gold is like the sun - not a coin for sale - this is a story you truly don't know - you write from feeling rather than knowing - you understand it like joy and despair - the chaos of volcanoes, the collapse of an avalanche, the weight of an anchor. the idea of buoyancy over balance. some locks do not open with keys. This is a world where candy canes grow at the tops of mountains. Freedom comes from choosing, and all things are connected.

**Jesse Reno**