



*The Hour*

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The real work of my art takes about an hour. In my busy life, I rarely experience the luxury of having fifteen minutes, much less a whole hour, to think about painting.

Usually, my brain manages to squeeze in two to three action-packed thoughts about my art on any given day. If I'm lucky, color inspiration hits while sorting clean socks, or a nagging composition problem resolves itself as I stand in line at the grocery store after work.

Creating art provides me with solace in the chaos. So much remains beyond my control, but the puzzles of my paintings can be solved. As a painter, I can impose order on a world I can't contain otherwise. Cities are as hectic and as complex as our daily lives. The congestion and clutter of our capital city challenges me far more than any clean-swept suburban sidewalk.

I wandered around D.C. before a National's game for inspiration. Each work represents an attempt to define the scene's coherence while maintaining the mood. Life catches us up in its complexity while art makes space for us to simply enjoy. In the midst of the swirl of your experience, I invite you to take a minute and enjoy my hour.

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BY THE BACK DOOR 30"x 24" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



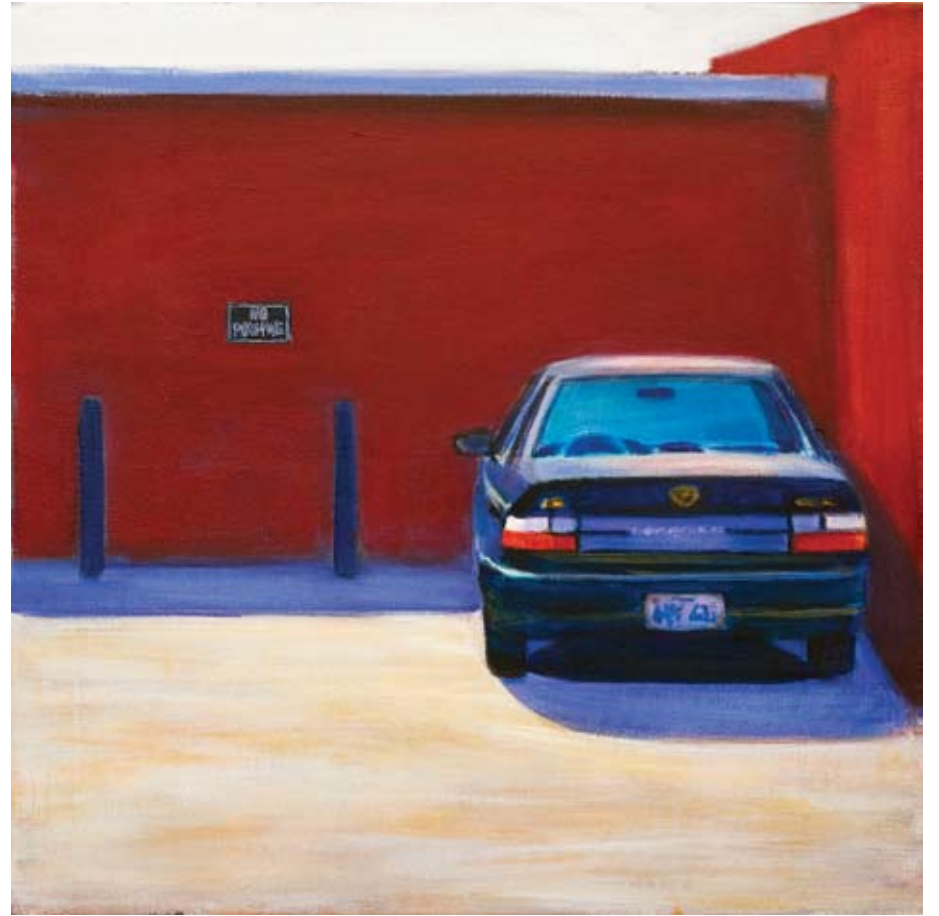
UP FRONT 16"x 12" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



EARLY BIRDS 30"x 30" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



PEEK-A-BOO 12"x 12" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



ABOVE THE LAW 20"x 20" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



UNNAMED SOURCE 15"x 30" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



HARDSCRABBLE 15"x 30" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010



ON THE STOOP 30"x 24" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010

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Back Cover: TRAFFIC IN HEAVEN 24"x 36" ACRYLIC ON CANVAS 2010

