



"When I was in Spain I met all kinds of people from all over the world". "Every artist I knew had a dream, people with passion who believed in what they were doing. I had never felt like that before and my life completely changed, so did my paintings".

He made regular trips to Morocco with his paintings and usually sold the lot "within a week". He also exhibited and sold 30 paintings at the US naval base in Seville, Spain.

Since 1985, John has spent most of his time in Thailand and Australia. He ran a small art

shop on Kao San Road, Bangkok for 4 years and has held exhibitions at the Amari Watergate Hotel and the YMCA in Bangkok and the Royal Garden City Hotel in Pattaya, Thailand.

In 1998, John met two Australian girls in Bangkok and one of them invited him to come and stay with her family in Melbourne, Australia.

"She told me her father was a military general and her grandfather was a former Australian Prime Minister" John said. "She asked me to paint a portrait of her mother and I was honored".

The coastal beauty of Cairns, in north eastern Australia, spurred him into the underwater scenery phase of his life.

"Painting portraits only makes one person happy, that's all. I painted underwater scenery for a long time before people said to me change" he laughed.

"I'm always searching for new ideas. At

the moment the paintings I am doing evolve from music and dance".

John told me when people see his paintings en masse they usually buy en masse.

"While I was living in Pattaya, an American woman came into my shop" he said.

"She looked at 3 or 4 of my paintings then told me she was going to the bank".

"When she came back she asked me how much and handed me the money. She n e v e r questioned the amount".

John recently sold 6 paintings to a Malaysian buyer from Singapore for \$4,000 USD.

He says his early work was influenced by Rembrandt. After traveling through Europe, he became interested in Monet, and Spanish artists, Salvador Dali and Milo.

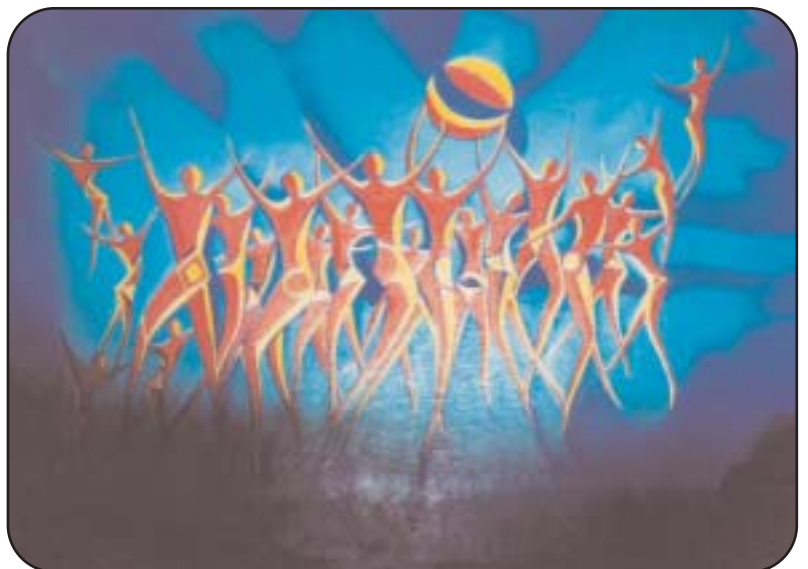
He is currently looking for locations in Phuket to either sell or display his work. Anyone who is interested can email at the address here:

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"People at my age usually stay home and take care of the grandchildren but I have never been a family man" he said.

"I still walk about 10 kilometers a week".

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