

The Art of Success

■ Paul Horton is widely regarded as one of the most popular British artists of his generation. Born in 1958, he has been painting and exhibiting his art for almost 45 years.

After a celebrated career working with a top fine art publisher, Paul made the decision 6 years ago to become completely independent, and two years ago set up his showroom and studio in Solihull Town Centre. Paul's work is now sold exclusively through the gallery and his online site.

I had the privilege of interviewing Paul, about being the artist in residence in Solihull, his new releases and his really rather brilliant career. Paul was often referred to as the modern-day Lowry at the start of his career, something which he regarded as an amazing compliment, however the comparison represented just a small proportion of his work, which has evolved organically in line with his own life experiences.

Paul comments, "I am always re-inventing myself and my art reflects this, I absorb life, and this emanates from every paint stroke of my work.

"The subject matter is very personal to me, and I hope that the public can find their own connection with the genres depicted. The seaside scenes and townscapes for instance trigger a different personal response from the viewer. The single house is a favoured motif, slightly bowed as if bursting with love and happiness. It's wonderful to meet the public and hear what my paintings mean to them."

In these times of economic crisis Paul remains incredibly successful and the launch of his sculpture range and the new collection is keeping him busier than ever working all hours! The customer following is fiercely loyal and meeting Paul I can see why. Buying art can become addictive, it's easy to become invested in the joy that the emotive images bring to the home.

Family is of huge importance to Paul, his son Mark who manages the gallery, is his right-hand man. As soon as you enter the gallery you feel at ease as the atmosphere is so warm, relaxed and friendly. I asked how the public could arrange to meet with Paul and his response? "Just ask Mark, is your Dad in?"

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