

ARTIST STATEMENT:

My paintings have had recurrent subject matter of driving for some time, but these recent works have also become autobiographical. Influenced by years of my wife and I regularly travelling the highway back and forth between Halifax, NS and Saint John, NB. Drawing from memories of my personal experience and by also channeling some favorite music for inspiration, these paintings have become like psychological self portraits, where colour becomes transcendent; the paint carving light and space into abstraction.

While this work has a more personal sentiment than what I've made in the past, the appropriated song lyrics create a pop culture reference that frames the paintings into a conceptual narrative; giving a level of atmosphere to the work, and inclusivity to the viewer. I like to think about the paintings like tracks of music from a personal playlist you would listen to while coasting down the highway on a road trip.



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