



Lifestyle Hunt Slonem

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I felt the butterflies in my stomach. I haven't had this feeling for a long time since I saw Hunt's paintings. We were at my old friend Greg's birthday party in his loft in village, NYC. As usual our table there was a painting framed by an antique frame...it was breath taking. On a blue canvas colorful butterflies were dancing. I felt the same butterflies on my stomach. It took my breath away. Then I realize Greg's loft were surrounded with more butterflies, birds, bunnies...who was he? Who was this painter? The next day I found out more about Hunt Slonem. His works is exhibited globally, including in Madras, Quito, Venice, Gustavia, San Juan, Guatemala City, Paris, Amsterdam, Madrid, Stockholm, Oslo, Cologne, Tokyo, and Hong Kong and last year in Istanbul. Over 70 museums internationally include his work in their collections, among them The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Whitney Museum of American Art in NYC. He won the 1991 National Endowment for the Arts Grant in Painting and MacDowell Fellowships in 1986, 1984 and 1983. When I asked him how he will describe himself as a happy or sad person? He responded that I am a happy person, inspired all the time.



He lives in a 30,000 square feet — about 80 rooms -in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in New York City and also he has two mansions in Louisiana, a decadent place

Where do you love to spent time most? Where do you think you work more efficiently?

I work in NYC only, Louisiana is where I go to restore and get inspiration.

Do you think the world eccentric describing you?

I think of myself as an artist.

While you are in NY where and what do you like to go? What's your favorite places for shopping, eating?

I love to go to the flea market on Saturday mornings. 44X in Hell's kitchen is my favorite place for lunch or dinner.

You were been born in Kittery Maine. You travel very early years to Hawaii and you had your experience in Nicaragua as an exchange student. To live in such different places and cultures how did it affect you?

I am a product of Exotica.

Many celebrities collect your work...What is your biggest dream for yourself?

To make a mark. Your first paintings were dotted with the faces of saints. And I read you channeled to Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln through healers. And later Lincoln who sometimes visits your Kingston, N.Y., home..

How it does work?? How do you feel he is there with you? Do you communicate through a healer??

I communicate through a healer, Lena Falth.

We feel the presence.

You love animals...Monkeys, bunnies, specially butterfly and birds? How many birds do you have at home and why specially birds? I know monkeys are spiritually protection but what about other animals? Do they have a spiritual meaning?

I keep 25 birds in my studio. Birds represent the soul, butterflies represent ascendance.

You do great sculptures as well. Which one you prefer painting or sculpturing?

Painting

You like colors....any color that you would say never ever!

No.

Have you ever traveled to Turkey? I personally know you have some nice paintings hanging out from some Turkish homes in Istanbul. Would you like to come and visit the town yourself and planning any more shows/exhibition in Istanbul?

I have not traveled to Turkey yet but I would definitely love to in the future. I had a horrible flight recently and didn't think I could handle such a long flight for the exhibition this summer, perhaps next year.

