

## Steve Miles Profile

*'I paint for my own sanity, not for anyone else'*



Steve's paintings are striking both in their colour and style. They are unusual in that they are painted mainly using spray paint which is a consequence of Steve's previous life as a Graffiti artist. He grew up in Birmingham and in the mid 80's at the age of 11 he became part of the UK Graffiti movement and then went on to study Art and Design at Stourbridge Art College.

Working in mixed media, Steve uses spray paint from his sponsor MonsterColors, acrylic and sometimes oil pastels, combining his passion for typography and colour to produce a new approach to his past life of painting large scale murals on the walls around the UK to now creating fine art canvases with a graffiti feel.

When looking closely at Steve's paintings it is hard to believe they are done with spray paint, they appear to be built up in layers but the lines are so sharp. In answer to my question about whether he used stencils came a very adamant 'no'. It is purely down to years of experience of using a spray can, which is an underrated talent.



Since moving to the Isle of Wight in 1994 Steve has worked as a graphic designer and artist in the print, web and video game industries.

Steve's exhibition at the Bistro this year will be his first exhibition of his paintings on canvas.

For further information go to [www.stevemilesdesign.co.uk](http://www.stevemilesdesign.co.uk)