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## Martyn Royce's paintings were spotted online by a New York gallery

By Zoie O'Brien, Reporter

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A graphic designer who regained his passion for painting after his father died has been scouted by a New York art gallery.

Martyn Royce's work has travelled from his Thornwood home studio all the way to the Big Apple, where it was recently displayed in a group exhibition.

The \$3,000 dollar-a-piece paintings from his collection 'Degrees of Abstraction' were displayed in the Agora Gallery, NY, for three weeks in February.

Fifty-three-year-old Martyn says that it was only after he lost his father that he picked up his beloved brushes again.



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He said: "Painting has always been my first love.

"I studied fine art at university but I became a graphic designer as my father told me that there was no career to be had in painting.

"It was only when he died that I took my emotions out on the canvass.

"My paintings are visual metaphors. They are expressionist in as much as I will paint a thought or a feeling, most recently I did confinement."

Mr Royce has a 12 month deal with the American art gallery, although since his work went on display he has had offers from countries all over the world.

He said: "I have had offers from a Japanese gallery in New York, one in Canada and another in Barcelona.

"I am so pleased but I am not really into the sales side of things. I am a creative person, a painter, I do it because I love it."

All of the four feet high oil canvasses being sold in America, along with more information about Mr Royce can be found on his webpage, at [www.martynroyce.com](http://www.martynroyce.com).

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