

**Jaime Santiago Longa**  
<http://jaimelonga.com>  
[jaimelonga73@gmail.com](mailto:jaimelonga73@gmail.com)  
(415) 767-9680

## **Artist Statement**

---

Ever since I can remember, urban culture has been linked with my artistry. As a first-generation San Franciscan, the challenges and beauty of city life were always a part of my experience and naturally came through in my painting process. This eventually led me to use oil painting as a means of exploring the human condition within the context of the urban landscape.

Concept is vital to my creative process and each piece is the product of immense reflection. I examine themes such as love, family, and community, as well as darker aspects of society including isolation, poverty, and gentrification. It is important for me to provide thought-provoking content in my work that engages viewers of all backgrounds. I strive to capture the depth of each subject by using multiple layers of paint and texture, atmospheric color schemes, and focused compositions.

With each piece I create, I realize ever more how much urban life is a reflection of the complexities of humankind as a whole. This offers endless possibilities for artistic exploration and growth. It is my hope that viewers will be enriched by my work while challenged to reflect more deeply about significant facets of the human condition.