

Allen Bentley is driven to help people express what they love. He creates custom paintings and drawings of cars, boats, and planes. Bentley works with clients to help them bring their passion to their walls. After all, why should the garage have all the fun?

He explores motion through expressive brushstrokes and bold color. He strives to paint the way the car feels to drive to best honor the nature of the machine.

As a client for a commission, you can choose the overall color scheme and size of the painting. Bentley can work from your existing photos, coach you through taking your own photos, or he can photograph your car to create the painting you are after.

Many clients choose to have paintings made of cars before they sell them as a way of keeping part of the car with them. Many want the car they had years ago painted to have the one that got away back again.

All of this is to help the clients live their passion through the art they have around them.

Bio

Bentley has exhibited in galleries across the country, with solo exhibitions in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and San Diego. He is represented by the Bridgette Mayer Gallery in Philadelphia PA and by Jo Fleming Contemporary Art in Annapolis MD. He has shown in the Philadelphia International Airport and in Artworks at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

He received his Master's of Fine Art from the University of Pennsylvania in 2000 and his Bachelor's of Fine Art from Western Carolina University in 1996. He teaches Art at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD and serves as chair of the Christopher Lyon Scholarship selection committee at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bentley lives in Clarksburg, MD with his wife and children.



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Artist Statement

Driving for me is about freedom. This isn't about how it looks but how it feels. Power, anticipation, exhilaration: to slip through on the edge of control. It's finding that line between forward and stillness. Just like in the paintings, speed blurs the world as your focus is sharpened, spirit is calmed as you burn through space. This work is about freedom to be in a moment. It's an energy that pushes every onward.

This is Momentum.



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