

## **Bernard Weston**

(American, b. 1961)

Bernard Weston is an Asian-influenced California painter, who draws on his personal engagement with Chinese and Japanese art history, theory, practice, and philosophy in order to create paintings of the sublime. As in bygone Grand European traditions, apprenticing with an older master is still *de rigueur* in the East. Weston has paid his dues. Unlike in the West, however, greater attention has always been paid in Asia to contemplative disposition in the making of a work of fine art. The goal for a painter like Weston is not just to produce amazing “artworks,” but to do so in conjunction with *studied* processes of mental, spiritual, and physical, Zen-like practice and preparedness. The artist, here, conveys peace and balance, trip-wiring dynamism, that is so cherished in the Eastern meditation-to-brushwork cycle. Weston’s technique, however, is proprietary and unique. He works with tinted Venetian plasters on prepared board -- rather than on Asian papers, and he polishes his surfaces with wax and mica-silver/mica-gold compounds to add final luster -- paintings in which East meets West with reverent grace, yet avant-garde materials.

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