

# \$erious Topic\$

*Faris McReynolds*

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My current work still weaves around leisure and chaos, snapshots along the way. The leisure and chaos of making art, and in the activities I tend to depict. Pastoral scenes, scenes of internal and external conflict, come in and out of focus in my work. The people on the beach are at the end of a journey of discovery, a conquest, looking for the next horizon to uncover. Looking back at you.

Lately I have been putting a lot into removing things from images I am working from until they reach a place of openness that a viewer can enter, separately from my motivations to work. In the age of social media I've become wary of literalism and directness in my own art, and want to present images that fall between any predefined ideas of meaning.

Painting for me is a timed performance of sorts, wet on wet, and as well I'm racing against my own interest in the image running out. Watercolor is how I practice for painting in oil.

**Faris McReynolds** (born 1977, [Dallas, Texas](#)) is a [Los Angeles](#)-based artist and musician. His paintings have been shown in solo exhibitions around the world and have been featured in [Details](#), [Art Papers](#), [Flash Art Magazine](#), [Tema Celeste](#), and [ArtWeek](#).

McReynolds grew up in [Richardson, Texas](#), a suburb of Dallas, the son of an [Indian](#)-American mother and Caucasian American father. He spent his childhood between Texas and [Bombay](#), and appeared in the 1985 [Bollywood](#) movie *Shahadat*, when he was eight. From 1990-1998, he played bass guitar in Dallas based skate-punk band Family Values. During that time, they toured the American southwest. He started publicly showing his paintings in 1998, and in 2000, he received his [BFA](#) from [Otis College of Art and Design](#) in Los Angeles.



**Faris McReynolds**  
*Untitled (red cap) 2024*  
watercolor on paper  
9 x 9 inches



**Faris McReynolds**  
*Untitled (red convos)* 2024  
watercolor on paper  
9 x 9 inches



**Faris McReynolds**

*Untitled (vivid) 2024*

watercolor on paper

9 x 9 inches



**Faris McReynolds**  
*Untitled (red crowded) 2024*  
watercolor on paper  
9 x 9 inches



**Faris McReynolds**  
*Untitled (red shades) 2024*  
watercolor on paper  
9 x 9 inches



**Faris McReynolds**  
*Untitled (red hooray) 2024*  
watercolor on paper  
9 x 9 inches