

the last wizard.

ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE JACK ARMSTRONG by ELLEN STERLING

Talking to painter Jack Armstrong is a singular experience. He's a man who not only believes in magic, but who believes most of all in his own magic. His words tumble out quickly, falling one on top of another, in an effort to help the listener see his vision and share his dream.

BORN IN OMAHA, HE RECALLS, "I've been painting since I was five. When you do that you become a master. You don't have to go to school."

The journey to his home of the moment in Palm Springs has been an interesting one. He's been friends with



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Doris Duke, Liza Minnelli and, most important of all for his work, Andy Warhol. "Andy always told me," he says, "that if you listen to somebody

else you'll never discover yourself.

"We talked about painting a lot. He said that what I was doing was 'magic.' And he told me, 'after I'm gone you'll be the last wizard.'"

Today the wizard is very busy. He's decided to do only 100 paintings. (He's completed 91.) He has just published two books filled with his multi-million dollar works, "The Last Wizard" and "Cosmic Dream Museum."

The print run is 100 copies of each and each will sell for \$1,000.

Why only 100 paintings? "It's an ephemeral thing," he explains. "You have a limited amount of magic."

Armstrong is painter of choice of architect Narendra Patel, a leader in the field of green architecture who has used his work in buildings including the carbon-neutral Net Zero Hotel in China. His paintings, "Dream Star #1" and "Primal Sun," grace Patel's Rancho Mirage headquarters.

In March, Armstrong's ballet – story, sets and costumes – "Cosmic Firebird" premiered in Palm Springs. He's negotiating for film rights and will expand it for Broadway. And, in 2013 there will be "The Last Wiz-

ard," a film about a small boy who finds a magical gem. His story and works can also be seen in a documentary currently airing on Fine Arts TV Europe.

Describing his work – his oeuvre is online at www.jackarmstrongart.com – Armstrong says, "If Van Gogh came back today, had modern paint and came to Palm Springs, he'd paint like me. I'm Van Gogh on steroids." **BAM**



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NARENDRA PATEL AND JACK ARMSTRONG

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THE LAST WIZARD

COSMIC ARTIST JACK ARMSTRONG

\$3.3 MILLION DOLLARS IN APRIL SALES OF 3 ORIGINAL PAINTINGS. RECORD PRICE \$1.6 MIL.

"DreamStar#1" sold to world renown
Green Architect, Narendra Patel

"Sungoddess" sold
to CA Surgeon

"AncientM@gic&Light" sold to
Chinese Industrialist



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Two Coffee Table Art Books: "The Last Wizard" & "Cosmic Dream Museum"
available in 1st Edition at \$1000 each.

79 original paintings from Jack Armstrong's 2 Books, plus future commissions,
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