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In the spring of 1983, I left Sweden to settle in Paris. On my last day of work, a woman approached me and placed a notebook in my hands. A gift filled with memories and impressions that I had left with her over the years we'd spent together.

Michael if I had to describe you in one word, it would be "phosphorescent," she told me. Someone able to shine without any kind of artifice or influence from others.

At first her words surprised and confused me, but most of all they aroused my curiosity. These words have forever etched themselves inside of me and transformed my way of seeing the world and other human beings. A desire and a need to go towards the light, towards a truth. To live intensely, in absolute terms and to be able to remain in that light. This luminous state - "phosphorescent" – in time metamorphosed into an artistic expression, a language. A painting with the purpose of reaching others, made to communicate and provide a form of reflection and a meditation. An act of sharing.

Painting is a lifestyle choice, it's discovering the world and our peers. My own role is to transmit a multicoloured emotion, to offer a brightness and a voice. A language. It is a journey to our inner depths, the world of souls; and to the external, where unexpected opportunities for discovery and

new aspirations await us. It is a question of seeing, discovering and having the courage to exist infallibly and without exception against a backdrop entitled: Life!

A painting is not only a singular facet of life, but an integral and contrasting expression that liberates innumerable atmospheres and influences. It is a document of life, unique and instantaneous. It is the movement, nuance and structure of the colours, the construction of theme and story expressed by the artist who, in interacting with the spectator, reflects and defines the strength and the sagacity of the soul which each human being expresses through their actions and words. It is the very condition that allows us to become "phosphorescent" through all stages of the sensational labyrinth of life that we walk through together. To live in the light and to know how to remain there.