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Matt Sesow -American Born 1966



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Born in 1966, Matt Sesow was raised in rural Nebraska. On a summer evening when he was eight at an airfield near his home, he was struck by the propeller of a landing airplane. The accident resulted in his left arm being severed and the loss of his left hand. Through the support of his family, Matt's physical disability was minimized as he was encouraged to participate in a variety of academic and organized sporting events.

'Painting is something I do everyday and it is what I intend to do for the rest of my life. Painting has healed me. I found painting at the age of 28 after moving to Washington, DC as a cure to the emotional pain I felt from losing my left hand as a child, after being hit by the propeller of a landing airplane in 1975.'

'My paintings are the emotional response to a traumatic past, the road to healing, and the confidence of finding a new language to express feelings felt but never shared. While some people see my paintings as angry or aggressive, many of my collectors and fans (including myself), see my work as hopeful, joyous, and eager to take on the world!'



