

"WE PAINT THE LINE" VIDEO

The story behind it..

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This is such a cool story... I hope you have a minute to read it. Once upon a time I decided I had to stop living off my music so I could keep loving it... hence, I put my eggs in two baskets after 23 years of performing & touring as my only source of income. I became a teacher in 2004. In 2005, my teaching brought me to Saco Middle School where I have stayed since. I met (& continue to meet) some very inspirational people there, some of whom have become very close friends. Judi Puiia is one of those people. She was teaching the Arts program @ SMS when I arrived. We became fast friends & enjoyed the artistic inspirations that passed easily between us... she with paint & canvas, me with voice & guitar.

About 2 years ago I had this amazing dream that woke me in the night. It was about running, running... away from or towards something? I didn't know... but I was afraid of something in this dream & panicked when I ran out onto the edge of something that wound up being a dock with BIG water all around when my toes hit the end of it. I almost fell into "the abyss" but caught myself, turned & ran as fast as I could back where I came from. A dreamy woman dressed all in white appeared out of nowhere in this jungle area & asked if I was scared. I said "yes, come with me" but she said "you have to do this on your own." Then she glowed & shined this BIG light on me that told me she would be with me even if she left me. I woke soon after that. Judi had no idea about this dream.

Several weeks later, Judi came running out the back door at school on a Monday AM with a painting that she was inspired to create over the weekend... she said it was for me. I started to cry when I saw it... it was this beautiful painting of me sitting peacefully at the end of a dock, playing my guitar with water all around me. A path of light from a full moon lead from the night sky across the water to shine on me as I played. I said "Oh My God Judi... you finished my dream!" It took a while for me to share the dream with her, as I was pretty choked up. In the end I got a great song out of it, called "Woman in White." Judi's painting became, of course, the last verse in the song. Happy ending.

Now about the video... (you wondered when I would get to that?)... Judi moved to Tucson AZ in August. I miss her terribly but I have come to realize that she, like the Woman in White, is always with me even if she's not here in person. This is how my song "We Paint the Line" came to me in the weeks before her leaving. Her birthday is on Labor Day this year & I have tried very hard not to leak the surprise until now, as I wanted to send her the link to the video as a birthday gift.

And, OH... did I tell y'all that Judi titled her painting "Moon Over Moosehead"? Moosehead Lake is where my better half, Eric, has an awesome home on the water. We spend time up there together when we can both get away. I thought it made sense to video this tune on the dock that, by the way, was put in the summer of my dream. Go figure... are the hairs up on your arms yet? Judi has yet to sit on that dock with me, so this is my way of bringing it to HER. I feel honored to be a part of something so much bigger than my little self here on this planet. I want to pass it on... hope you do, too.

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