

# ART: A Burning Passion - Living Expression -



**Reach I** by Gregory Burns

**Gregory Burns** is a man who dreams and conceptualises his dreams into achievements in art and sport.

**A**n American born artist and athlete, Mr Burns, 42, has been painting from the tender age of five. Perhaps because he contracted polio in his early childhood, he has never been able to sit still for long.

Travelling extensively around the world, Mr Burns has to date, held 12 solo exhibitions and 10 group exhibitions, plus numerous charity events. In his own words, Mr Burns describes the body of his work as representing "a journey and an artist's search for places of sanctuary."

His journey began fifteen years ago after graduating from college. Mr Burns backpacked around Asia and settled in Taiwan in the 1980s to study Chinese painting under the renowned artist, Liang Dan-Fong. As a result of his wide travels in Asia, his paintings often reveal a unique blend of Western and Oriental techniques and mediums.

Besides art, Mr Burns also excels in sport. He has broken four world records and won a half dozen gold and silver medals in the 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Paralympics as a member of the United States team.

In a recent exhibition "Sanctuaries and Pools," held at the London Fine Arts gallery in Singapore, the many hours of training for the forthcoming Sydney 2000 Paralympics is reflected in his works of liquid environment and contemplative spaces.

Mr Burns' sojourning pictures and a collection of other artistic works will form part of an art exhibition held in conjunction with the Financial Awards 2000 to be presented by Financial Planner magazine on 30 August 2000 at the Ritz Carlton, Singapore. **FP**

*To attend the exhibition at the Financial Awards, call Jacqi (2240121) for dinner reservation details.*