

## **Lee du Ploy**

Lee du Ploy is both an artist and a complimentary medical practitioner. He has exhibited his paintings since the early 1970's. His book "The Glass facade" is written to record his journey of treating people with psychological problems. As he said "Whereas psychology is my passion, art is my life. They are in essence the same journey." He now has a studio and work in Hong Kong.

"I have over the last ten years explored via my paintings how we react emotionally and how the face conforms to that thought. We react to an emotional response sometimes ecstatically and sometimes dramatically sad. I have tried to incorporate the emotional responses be that via the eyes or the slant of the head in my portraits.

People ask why my portraits always look sad, we reflect what we see, however many times what appears to be melancholic is just immensely interesting. Pretty pictures to me are irrelevant, they really don't reflect reality, hence, I suppose why I paint what I do to explore the extremes of human nature."