



# Seven Creative Questions for UK Painter Laura Lancaster

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Laura Lancaster is a 37-year-old painter from Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK.

[We think her work is tops.](#) A flurry of broad, colorful strokes resulting in framed splashes that are cinematic and stirring.

When we opened this column up to artists, we had to include her. Laura's work — represented by [WORKPLACE Gallery](#) — just keeps getting better and better... more mesmerizing with each passing season. It's truly captivating stuff.

Here are our Seven Creative Questions for Laura, along with a look at her most recent work.

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**NAME:** Laura Lancaster

**AGE (if you want to give it up):** 37

**COMPANY:** Artist

**HOMETOWN:** Hartlepool

**CURRENT TOWN:** Newcastle Upon Tyne

**OCCUPATION:** Artist

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**TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF:** I am an artist who lives in the UK.

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*Laura Lancaster, 2015, painting in the former studio of Elaine De Kooning, East Hampton, NY.*

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**PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR ART:** I am primarily a painter, most recently I have been making large scale figural paintings from anonymous found archive materials such as photographs and Super 8 film. I explore the potential of painting and its relevance today, hoping to open up its possibilities.

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## 1. How long have you been an artist? And what is your earliest art memory?

For as long as I can remember — I'm not sure what my earliest art memory is, probably looking through my parents' books on art as a child or watching my father paint when I was a child.

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*Laura Lancaster; Untitled, 2016; Oil and acrylic on linen; 120 x 150 cm; 47 1/4 x 59 1/8 in; (LL0706)*

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## 2. Who is the best new artist to emerge in the last five to ten years? Why?

Its difficult to narrow it down to one single artist, I think Laura Owens is a really interesting painter, in terms of exploring the language of paint, and she speaks very eloquently about painting.

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*Laura Lancaster; Untitled, 2015; Oil and acrylic on linen; 180 x 230 cm; 70 7/8 x 90 1/2 in; (LL0698)*

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**3. What's the best piece of advice you've heard (business, dating, or otherwise)? And do you follow it?**

80% of success is showing up — Woody Allen, and I do try to follow it!

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*Laura Lancaster, Montage VI, 2015, Oil and acrylic on linen (diptych), 280 x 250 cm, 110 1/4 x 98 3/8 in, (LL0704)*

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#### **4. What is your favorite place to shop, anywhere in the world, and why?**

I'm not generally a big fan of shopping, but I love buying art materials and new music.

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*Laura Lancaster, Me and Stella Playing Air Guitar, 2014, Oil and acrylic on linen, 200 x 200 cm, 78 3/4 x 78 3/4 in, (LL0552)*

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### **5. What music, movie, book, or magazine gets you ready to paint, sketch, or brainstorm?**

Noise rock is good to get the energy going in the studio — I've been listening to a friends band, Foot Hair, a lot recently. I also listen to more minimal music like Eliane Radigue or Pauline Oliveros, so it really varies depending on what kind of mood I'm in!

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*Laura Lancaster, Untitled, 2014, Oil and acrylic on linen, 200 x 200 cm, 78 3/4 x 78 3/4 in, (LL0553)*

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**6. What is the question a person should ask you, and how would you answer?**

Probably “which twin are you?” as I have a twin sister, Rachel, who is also an artist, and this would save some confusion in social situations!

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*Laura Lancaster, Untitled, 2014, Oil and acrylic on linen, 180 x 230 cm, 70 7/8 x 90 1/2 in, (LL0557)*

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**7. If you could only spend US\$250, what art piece or pieces would you buy right now on eBay?**

It's not strictly art, but I would probably spend it on more found home movies to use as source material — I have been collecting them for some time now so it would be nice to add to the collection.

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*Laura Lancaster, Mask, 2014, Oil on linen, 150 x 120 cm, 59 1/8 x 47 1/4 in, (LL0630)*

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For more information about Laura Lancaster, please contact [WORKPLACE Gallery](#).

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