

For Peet's Sake:

*For Peet's Sake* represents a comical group of friends who are regular patrons at Peet's coffee in Brookline, Massachusetts. I met these six gentleman over the course of a year during my regular patronage of this cafe in 2008 and 2009. Since then I have developed unique friendships with these men and continue to visit on a weekly basis. Five of the men wear bow ties which were selected based upon the individual's skin complexion and personality. The fact that one subject is not wearing a bow tie is reflective of his stand-alone mentality; however, this individual still serves as an integral thread in this intriguing community. There exists an element of quirkiness in each of the expressions that is representative of the subject's character. The bow tie intensifies this quirkiness and helps to form a unity within this group.

Painting is one of the many ways in which I choose to embrace life. It is an act of translation and preservation through paint into memory. I consider painting these portraits a way to further examine these relationships and to preserve their memory. I wanted to represent the *For Peet's Sake* community in a series of light-hearted portraits.