MY FAVOURITE FIVE

Prolific artist Paul Kenton’s love affair with the sea comes across loud and clear as he reveals a few of his favourite things - in stark contrast to his preferred subject matter of dramatic cityscapes of years, and today even more sophisticated technology is used to assist in the artistic process, but artists are often very reluctant to talk about it. I admire Hockney for his frankness on the subject.

TURNER Turner is most well known for his oil paintings, but I am a huge fan of his watercolours. He is one of the great masters of British watercolour landscape painting and I am genuinely in awe of these pieces whenever I get to see them. Wherever I can, I try to spend a little time on watercolour paintings myself, but I am no where near his league!

PETER BROWN
Peter Brown is a Bath based artist, and paints street scenes in all weather conditions. ‘Pete the Street’ as they call him, actually gets out there, in the middle of it, no matter what the weather, rain or shine. I feel his paintings convey atmosphere and honesty.

ARTISTS

JACKSON POLLOCK
Jackson Pollock once said of his work “I express feelings rather than illustrating them.” This resonates with me and it is always something I try to do with my work.

MONET Claude Monet. I don’t even need to say anything more. He was the founder of impressionism and his work is hugely significant for me.

DAVID HOCKNEY
David Hockney is a very honest artist, he openly discusses how artists use technology in order to help them create their pieces. From photography, to computers, to projection and mirrors, artists have used mirrors for hundreds

5 Things I’d take to a desert island
FILMS

JAWS For obvious reasons, this is just a fantastic film. My favourite line is when Quint tells the story of the 800 or so men getting eaten by sharks during the war. "So, 1,100 men went in the water; 316 men come out and the sharks took the rest, June the 29th, 1945."

A BROKEDOWN MELODY I love this film, it charts the surfing times of Kelly Slater and explores the travels and experiences of a tribe of surfers who search for the spark of life and look to pass it on to the younger generation. Very inspirational and a good soundtrack!

DELIVERANCE I love this film because of the duelling banjo scene! A thriller in the wilderness, it’s very intense and a great watch.

STAR WARS, THE EMPIRE STrikes BACK No film list would be complete without a Star Wars movie. This is my absolute favourite of them all. It was the first film I went to see at the cinema and was just in awe throughout. The special effects were out of this world.

BIG WEDNESDAY Another surfing classic! There’s a theme developing here. It has some of the best surfing cinematography you will ever see and features several world champion surfers as the stunt men. Absolutely love it!

SONGS

The first four songs remind me of my youth and an excellent nightclub, called Marisco Disco in Woolacombe. It opened in the 60s and is still ridiculously popular today; I don’t frequent it as much as I used to though!

THE CLASH, I FOUGHT THE LAW Originally this was a song by The Crickets in the 50s, but The Clash version is my favourite. Can’t have a good night out without this song!

PEARL JAM, ALIVE A staple in any rock fans repertoire!

THE JAM, GOING UNDERGROUND A favourite song list wouldn’t be complete without an appearance from The Jam, it was hard to choose just one from their string of hits, I finally settled on Going Underground for its energetic vocals!

THE STRANGLERS, GOLDEN BROWN I think most people know what this song is about! I have no affiliation with that, I just love the record.

NANDO REIS, LUZ DOS OLHOS This is a Brazilian artist, Nando Reis, it reminds me of many times I have spent in South America with my partner.

PHRASES Live for now / Never give in / Surf’s up! / Don’t take yourself too seriously / Have fun!

PLACES

FLORIANÓPOLIS, BRAZIL An amazing place, just paradise. It has 42 beaches and is a haven for surfers around the world.

WOOLACOMBE, DEVON My home, where I’ve grown up and a great place to surf!

MALPAIS, COSTA RICA Has some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, combined with for their rugged jungle beauty, unforgettable sunsets, and epic surfing!

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL It’s Rio! What more do I need to say!

NEW YORK, USA A great source of inspiration for me, throughout my years as an artist. It is so dynamic and vibrant. I can feel the surge of energy coming from the city each time I’m there.