

FINE ART
by
Greta Olivas

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

The work of Greta Olivas is full of color, which is usually the first thing people are drawn to. As the paintings are examined more closely their energy draws the viewer in. She describes her work as energy, or emotions that come through and end up on the canvas. They may seem like celestial bodies, but to her, they are a bigger understanding of the universe and our place within it.

She has always been drawn to abstract work and the power it has. When someone states they 'felt' the painting, or it provokes emotion in someone, she knows she was successful in transmitting the energy through the painting.

Greta has been an artist since she was a child. She has studied in several workshops, but is mostly self-taught.

She was born in New York City, grew up in Argentina, resided most of her life in Austin, Texas and recently moved to Florence, Oregon.

COVER: *Inner Light #3* 12"x12" Acrylic on Canvas



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ARTIST STATEMENT

I believe that creativity is our soul speaking through us, our true self.

It is our job while on this earth to find that light within and shine it to the world. When we are the person we are truly meant to be, we help others discover their light and make the world a better place. It is not an easy path, but it's one worth taking. Sometimes I wonder if my personal growth helps me create my art, or if my art helps me with my personal growth. I believe it's both.

When I create my art, my paint is very fluid, which is a good lesson on giving up control or allowing the process to happen. The paint moves on its own almost as if it's painting itself, but we all know that's impossible, which is where the artist comes in. What I am talking about is flow and that is how my paintings develop, like something just opens up and before I know it I have several paintings going at once. My art portrays energy and emotions as I keep allowing my true self to emerge. My work has the ability to generate the same discovery for the viewer.

Please enjoy the journey with me.

LEFT: *The Power of Dreams* 36"x36" Acrylic on Canvas

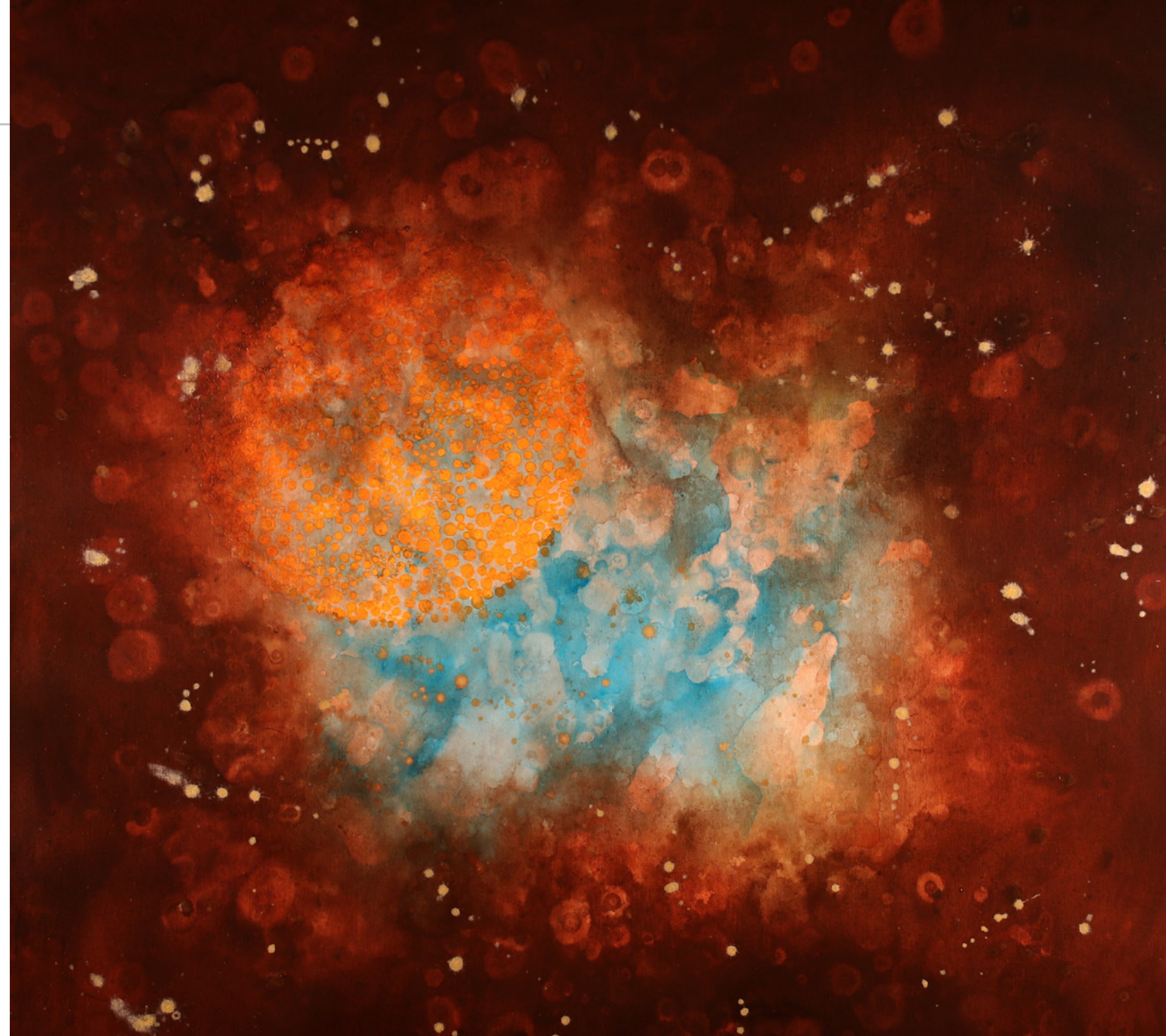
COSMOS SERIES

My "Cosmos Series" is a meditative process for me. I feel that when I am in the process I am translating energy, feelings or emotions onto the canvas. They may look like images from space, but I believe they are more about our place in the universe.



We Are One 36"x48" Acrylic on Canvas (in situ)

RIGHT: *Radiance* 36"x36" Acrylic on Canvas



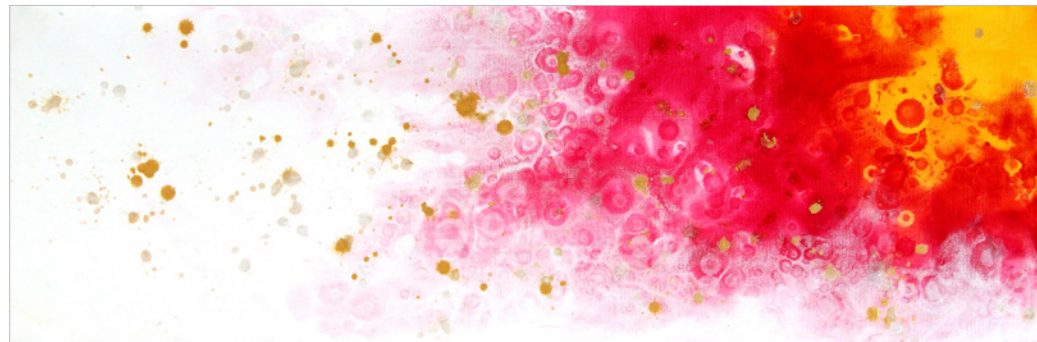
RUINS SERIES

*Your paintings take me to
a place where I wouldn't
dare to go by myself, and
I'm glad you're there to
walk me through it.*

— Mark G (collector)



Emergence 20"x24"
Acrylic on Canvas



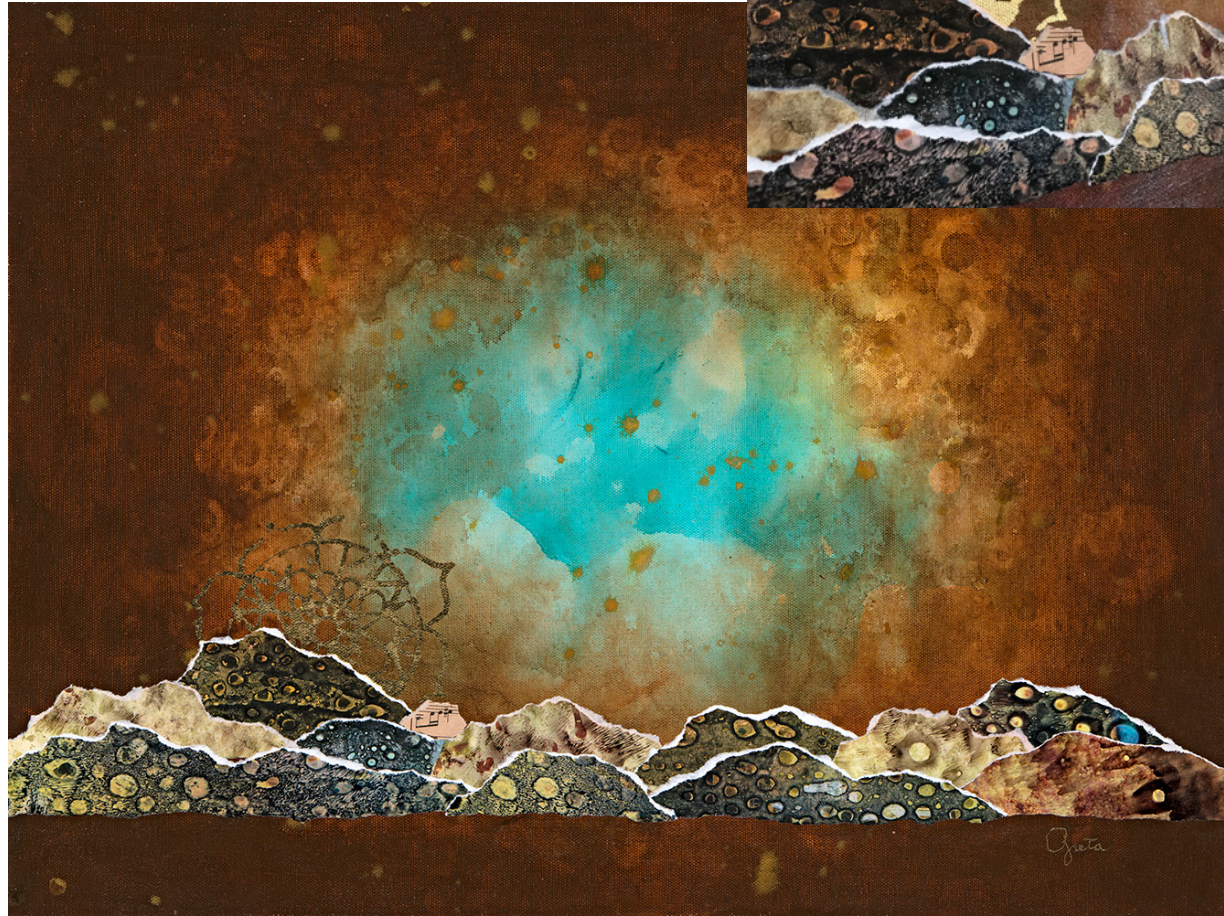
Good Vibrations
8"x24" Acrylic on Canvas

My "Ruins Series" tell stories. As we travel through life and we go through our personal experiences, we learn and grow. To me, these paintings are part of my growth and sing to us of our life experiences.

Unearthed #11 8"x8" Mixed Media on Board



DETAIL



Spirit Awakened 18"x24" Mixed Media on Canvas

RIGHT: *Can We Find Our Way?* 30"x30" Mixed Media on Canvas



ANCESTRAL SERIES

In Search of Wisdom 48"x72" Mixed Media on Canvas

The "Ancestral Series" was inspired by a trip to Sedona, Arizona. While in nature, it felt as if the earth was speaking to me. These are the stories that came back with me.



Tears of The Warrior 36"x36" Mixed Media on Canvas (in situ)



"Your piece moves me to the brink of tears... in a public place... and I am not a crier. You managed to break through to a very tender place with this beautiful piece!"



Rising From The Ashes 24"x36" Mixed Media on Canvas



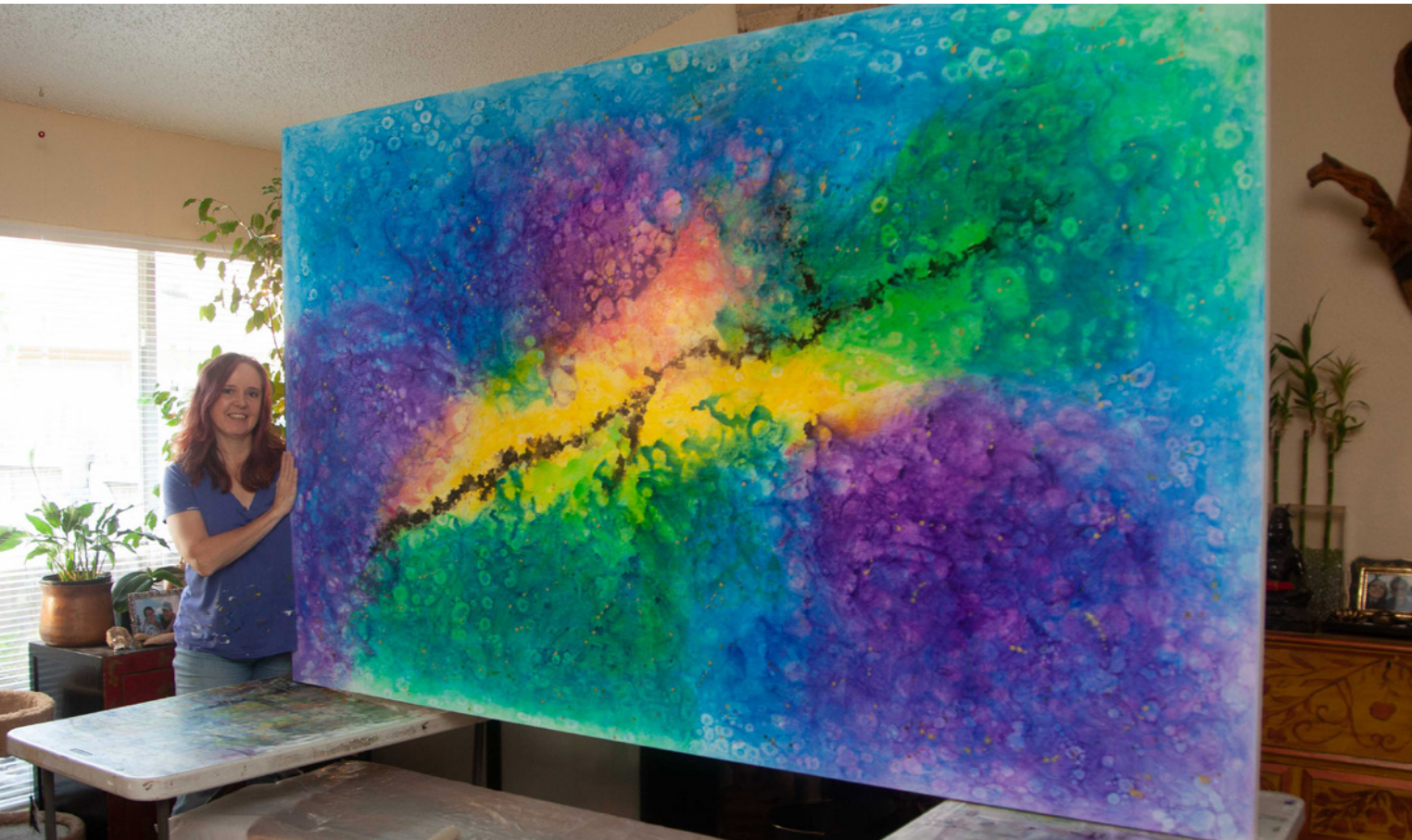
Places In The Heart 24"x36" Acrylic on Canvas (in situ)



Planting Seeds of Love 16"x20" Acrylic on Canvas

COMMISSIONS

I am also happy to do commissions. The way I approach commission work, since my work is abstract, is we can agree on a style of mine, colors, size and we can go from there. Because my work is about energy and flow, no two pieces turn out alike, so if possible, I will create 2 paintings from which you can choose the one that connects with you best.



"This painting is so much more than a Zoom space upgrade. It is the codes of my essence and mission on canvas."

— K.M.

WORKSHOPS

I believe that a lot of us have lost touch with our creative side, and if we “exercise” that part of ourselves we don’t just trigger the artist in us, but also the creative part that comes up with that “outside the box” thinking and opens our minds.

Sometimes artists get stuck in the details and “skill” part of painting that they have lost their inspiration, run out of ideas and have lost the joy they used to feel while painting. We get so busy following the rules of how we are “supposed” to paint, like it can only be done one way. I feel that in order to come up with new and original ideas we have to let go of the rules. I found that once I started to “play” with paint the ideas just started flowing! One fun result turns to something else and before you know it you discovered a style that is all your own!



*I loved Greta's workshop!
She packed a lot of creative
experience into just a few hours.
I have already applied some
of the techniques to my own
artwork. This workshop is great
for anyone, whether new to art
or an experienced artist looking
for some new ideas. She explains
things well and gives plenty of
time to experiment and play,
but moves forward in a timely
manner so things don't get
bogged down. Well worth your
investment of time and money.*

— Louise P

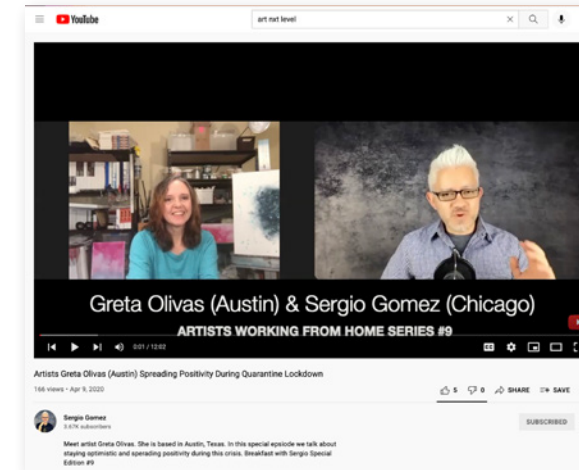


AUSTIN CHRONICLE

August 5, 2014

“...So when I tell you that New York-born Greta Olivas does mixed-media works composed of watercolor and drawing and collage and who-knows-what-else, you’ll know that, unlike so many gambits of that combo that you might’ve previously suffered through the viewing of ... this stuff, what Olivas has wrought, is beautiful work indeed. The sort of things – often eerie landscapes with what appear to be the ruins of castles and/or cities on the horizon – that you can stare at for a long time, absorbing the shapes and shades of the subtly hued scenes, contemplating their potential as settings of ancient epics or future mysteries...”

For full review of the 2 person show- www.austinchronicle.com/daily/arts/2014-08-05/pin-and-links-newest-exhibition-soars-on-digital-wings/

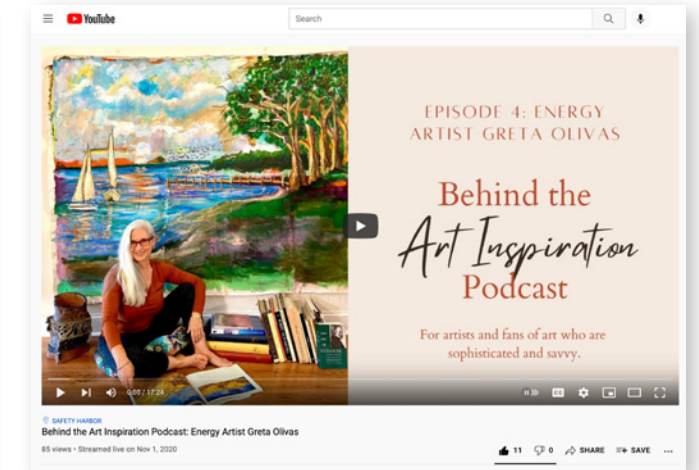


Art NXT Level Podcast- Video Interview

April 9, 2020

“Meet artist Greta Olivas. She is based in Austin, Texas. In this special episode we talk about staying optimistic and spreading positivity during this crisis. Breakfast with Sergio Special Edition #9”

<https://youtu.be/llq8C-d0Arc>



Behind the Art Inspiration Podcast

November 1, 2020

“Welcome, everyone. This is episode number 4 of the Behind the Art Inspiration Podcast. In this episode, I’ll be virtually traveling from my Safety Harbor, Florida studio all the way across the United States to Texas and into the studio of my friend - Energy Artist Greta Olivas...”

<https://youtu.be/QdVmtncpcmY>

PRESS

SPECTRUM NEWS

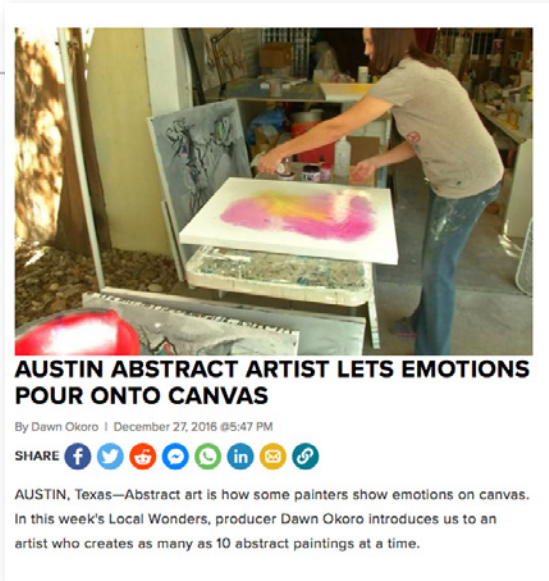
LOCAL WONDERS

December 27, 2016

"Austin Abstract Artist Lets Emotions Pour Onto Canvas"

Greta shares her thoughts about becoming an artist, painting abstractly and personal growth.

View interview at: spectrumlocalnews.com/tx/austin/local-wonders/2016/12/27/austin-abstract-artist-lets-emotions-pour-onto-canvas



BLOGTALKRADIO

Dr. Mara Karpel & Your Golden Years

February 12, 2017

Greta and Mara discuss how anyone can tap into their creative side through painting.

Listen to the interview at: drmarakarpel.com/sun-feb-12-re-inventing-leadership-coach-ann-fry-austin-artist-greta-olivas-candace-aylor-vice-chair-parent-representative-texas-health-human-services-behavioral-hea/



My art portrays energy and emotions as I evolve ever closer into my true self.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS**2021**

Austin Studio Tour-Open/Virtual Studio Tour
Listening To Stillness- Link & Pin Art Space, Austin Texas

2020

Austin Studio Tour-Virtual Studio Tour

2019

East Austin Studio Tour- Guest Artist- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas
West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas

2018

West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas

2017

West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas

2016

West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas

2015

Solo Show- Hyde Park Bar & Grill- Austin, Texas
West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas
Transcending Time- Soma Vida, Austin Texas

2014

West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas
Circle C Fine Arts Festival, Austin Texas Travis Heights Art Trail, Open Studio, Austin Texas

2013

Beyond Limits- North Hills Gallery, Austin Texas
West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas

2012

West Austin Studio Tour- Open Studio Tour, Austin Texas
Horizons- Fair Bean Coffee, Austin, Texas

2011

Horizons- Vino 100, Round Rock, Texas
Horizons- Trianon Coffee, Austin, Texas
Studio Opening Party, Austin, Texas

2010

"Water" Colors- Fair Bean Coffee, Austin, Texas
"Water" Colors- Scooter's Coffee
"Water" Colors- Scarbrough Building Lobby, Austin, Texas
Horizons- Starbucks Downtown, Austin
"Water" Colors- Barnes & Noble- Sunset Valley, Austin, Texas

2008

Topaz Salon, Austin, Texas Interfaith Art & Music Festival, Austin, Texas

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**2023**

Expressions- Bee Cave Arts Foundation, Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave, Texas

2022

Summer Strut at Link & Pin, Austin, Texas

2021

Opening- Art Next Level, Virtual/Online
Celebration Of... -Art For The People- Austin

2020

Her Voice- Expressions Graphics, Oak Park, Illinois
IMAGINE...Peace, Love & Understanding- Stola Contemporary, Chicago, Illinois
Art of Perseverance, Virtual/Online
Austin Art + Love=Home-Art For The People- Austin

2019

Let It Flow- J Gallery, Austin Texas
Where Are We Going- Art For The People, Austin

2018

Hartexpo, Barcelona, Spain
Georgetown Arts Center, Georgetown, Texas
Link & Pin Gallery, Austin

2017

Elsewhere- North Hills Gallery, Austin Texas
The People's Gallery- Austin City Hall, Austin

2016

Art Hop- Statewide Arts Competition, Georgetown

Three Woman Show- Collective Dimensions- The Space Within- Old Bakery & Emporium Gallery

2015

East Austin Studio Tour- Group Exhibit, Austin

2014

Group Show- First Access Gallery- Austin, Texas
Two Woman Show- Between Space & Time- Link & Pin Art Space, Austin
Free Expressions- Creative Arts Society Juried Show- Dougherty Arts Center

2013

GALLERY by Jeana Marino- Austin
Creative Arts Society- 14th Anniversary Exhibition- Dougherty Arts Center, Austin

2004- 2012

Momentum- GoLab Gallery, Austin
Five by Seven- Invitation- Arthouse at the Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, Texas
Goldilocks Show- Juried- Lytle Pressley Contemporary- Austin
Origin Magazine Art Show/Release Party- Quattro Gallery, Austin
East Austin Studio Tour- Real Gallery, Austin
AVAA Collaborative Show- Dougherty Arts Center, Austin
Creative Arts Society- Austin Bergstrom International Airport, Austin
"Delight in Texas: Impressions & Impressionists"- Walker's Gallery, San Marcos, Texas
Yellow Bike Art Project Art Show- Gallery 1906

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