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Woman Wednesday: Maura

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Q and A with Maura from Venice, Italy, living in Raeford, North Carolina

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Q: What are you passionate about?

A: I am quite eclectic in my interests, but I have always loved art in all its forms. In Italy, I had a band, and I have sung for several years and considered photography a hobby for a long time. I have always been fascinated by street photography because its extemporaneity freezes reality in a limbo between what the photographer sees and what it really is. When I moved to the US, I did not have the chance to go back to music right away, but the urge to create was very powerful. I started painting portraits and had my first exhibition at the Art Walkabout of Fayetteville, NC. My craft then eventually evolved into digital drawing, portrait photography, and now I am mixing all these skills I have learned into a mixed media style.



Q: What were your younger years like?

A: I grew up in Italy, not too far from Venice. I studied languages in high school and then graduated in psychology in college. Art run in my family blood: my younger brother is a very talented illustrator, my uncle a painter, and my grandfather used to play the organ, teach music, and was also painting oil landscapes as a hobby. I remember being fascinated by the smell of the oil colors. He was very creative.



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Hi, Maura



Artist Maura Trice is putting together an exhibit highlighting women embracing their true selves and not conforming to a beauty standard.



Q: What is something valuable you'd like others to know?

A: I was not exactly a straight A-student growing up as I have always focused more on the subjects I loved the most and struggled to focus on the rest. I have often felt that I could not 100% fit anywhere and like I was an underachiever. That made me very insecure for several years, and I think that it limited me in many ways. I have come to realize now how much power our mindset has over what we can achieve. I am saying this because I want people to understand that our past mistakes and insecurities are part of our evolution as individuals as long as we learn from them. It is pointless to regret the past as we cannot change it. All we can do is understand that it is a piece to the puzzle.



Q: What does feminism mean to you?

A: Feminism to me means equality. To quote Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: “Everyone should be a feminist.” Our value as individuals should not depend on our gender. It is important to keep pointing out that there is still a gender inequality that affects women. This is why we call it feminism, and we do

not talk about human rights in general.



MORE FROM MAURA: I am currently working on a mixed media exhibition. The subjects are all women of various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds and various lifestyles, experience, and interests. My goal is to help all women to find the confidence and the love for themselves—regardless of their appearance. I want to fight the concept that we need to fit a stereotypical idea of beauty to appreciate ourselves and feel beautiful. As soon as I started sharing my idea, I have received wide support from other women. I think it is amazing to see how we can work together to elevate each other. It revives your faith in people.