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"I am living my soul's purpose on earth. I get to do what I absolutely love every single day of my life. I love the process." – Michelle Strbich

Michelle Strbich, a talented artist, is bringing vibrant colors and soulful expressions to life. Born and raised in Chicago to Croatian-American immigrant parents, Michelle's artistic journey has been influenced by life's highs and lows, weaving a narrative that speaks to the resilience of the human spirit.

"As a child, one of my favorite memories was watching my mom paint flowers in our garden. It was there I learned to see like an artist," reflects Michelle. She continued her pursuit of art by sneaking around The Art Institute of Chicago, where she honed her skills to become the artist she is today.

With bright acrylic colors, she can encapsulate her intuition to produce paintings that truly resonate with the

soul. Her business, Paint By Soul, showcases her beautiful works of art that are warmly welcomed by her clients in California, Hawaii and beyond.

A CANVAS OF NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES

Much of Michelle's artistic inspiration emerged from her two Near-Death Experiences (NDEs). The first occurred when she was born, an event that deeply impacted her and her mother. The second came after a car accident in 2008, which introduced Michelle to a world of colors she had never seen before. This revelation marked a turning point in her artistic career, prompting her to explore the depths of her creativity, one stroke at a time.

"During my recovery, I turned to making art from a deeper, more soulful energy. It was then I knew that I would dedicate myself to being a professional artist for the rest of my life," she shares.

With one-of-a-kind heartfelt creations, Michelle's approach to art is as unique as her journey. She comments, "All my pieces are unique and original. I can't paint the same piece twice." With acrylic paints, she combines colors, shapes, and texture to create emotionally evocative pieces. Spontaneity is key to her process; she lets the colors and textures communicate with her, creating a canvas that captures stories of emotions. Each stroke is a message, a connection between the artist and her audience.

"The process of painting lifts my spirit," she says. "The beautiful thing is, I don't paint with an agenda. I keep it easy and fun."

A PIECE OF YOURSELF IN ART

Michelle's pieces are not merely artworks; they are windows into emotional experiences. When you acquire one of her pieces, it's like bringing a piece of your soul into an original masterpiece. Her art uplifts spaces, connecting people through colors and shapes.

A SOUL WHISPERER AND INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

Beyond her artwork, Michelle is a soul whisperer and an inspirational speaker. She is working on her first book, "A Soul Never Dies: Wisdom from the Afterlife," (ASoulNeverDies.com) which describes the unique purpose of each soul and its ability to guide, grow, and inspire joy. Her writing and speaking engagements seek to uplift and encourage individuals to embrace their journeys. She is also working on a screenplay.

LIVING THE ARTISTIC DREAM

Today, Michelle resides in Dana Point, California, where she finds inspiration in the ocean's tranquility. Her





studio, "Paint by Soul," is a creative sanctuary that welcomes visitors and friends to experience her artwork and bask in its energy. Michelle's dedication to her craft, her emotional depth, and her vibrant spirit make her a true artist, touching lives and sharing her passion with the world.

To explore Michelle's colorful creations and experience her soulful artwork, visit her website at PaintBySoul.com or follow her on Instagram @ArtByMichelleStrbich. Contact her at 949-607-7893 to arrange a private showing at her art studio and step into a world of emotions captured on canvas.

