

Personal Intro

Multigenerational native of Key West. (of Spain & Cuban descent.) I grew up in a family of six, surrounded by an extended network of relatives whose lives were deeply intertwined with the arts. Our abuelas were painters, my Mother, Abuela and Tia were dancers, and my Tio and cousin brought life to music and the big screen. Creativity is our legacy, passed down through generations. Despite facing life's challenges, art became our sanctuary, a beacon of light during dark times. As a child, art was my escape, a means of expressing the unspeakable and finding joy amidst adversity. Yet, life's demands led me away from my passion for decades. It wasn't until 2023 that I reclaimed my creative spirit, choosing to no longer sideline my love for painting and writing. In doing so, I rediscovered a fiery inner strength, an acknowledgment of the artist within who had long awaited recognition.

Through my work, I aim to honor my heritage, my family's artistic legacy, and the natural beauty of our hometown Key West. My art is a celebration of life, culture, and mother nature –an invitation to see the world through my eyes and to feel the passion that fuels each brushstroke.

To me, art is more than an expression; it is a promise to myself: "I see you and I will not hide you anymore"

"I fell in love with the sheer meaning of existence and my own creativity, I use art to express this." ~Angelica Hodek


Exhibitions


- **1993** - Tennessee Williams / Following a State of FL Art Contest Placement (Charcoal-Key Deer, Acrylic-Seascape, Ink-Gardenias)
- **2023** - The Studios of Key West / Books & Books 7th Annual Summer Bookmark Exhibition & Art Contest
Winner (in person voting category)
- **2023** - The Studios of Key West / Summer Solstice Workshop
- **2023** - Spectrum Miami Art Fair / ARTBOX.PROJECTS Miami 4.0
- **2023** - The Studios of Key West / Winter Members' Exhibition
- **2024** - The Studios of Key West Mango Madness Exhibition
- **2024** - The Studios of Key West / Books & Books 8th Annual Summer Bookmark Exhibition & Art Contest
- **2024** - The Studios of Key West / Winter Members' Exhibition
3rd Place Winner (People's Choice)
- **2025** - The Studios of Key West Mango Madness Exhibition




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Statement

I've mainly worked with acrylic, and textured acrylic, but love to create with all mediums. Sketching with pencil, charcoal and using watercolors *all have a special place in my heart!*

My work has been described as Vibrant, Fluid & Expressive, with a touch of Abstract & Realism.

I have a strong yearning to capture the natural beauty of nature & the cultural richness of Key West. Incorporating elements inspired by our chain of islands' landscapes & seascapes.

I tend to paint things that are dear to me and that are associated with island living. My approach blends technical and emotional aspects-with sweeping brushstrokes that capture movement.

I enjoy plein air painting, painting from memory, creating abstract, impressionism and expressionism art and I love challenging myself with learning new art techniques too!



Job Experience

Own & Operate a Local Marketing MGMT Company
2014 - Present

Executive Assistant for the County
For 5 years (before becoming a fulltime entrepreneur)

Professionally Assisted Key West Not for Profits
Full Time 2004-2014
Part Time 2014-Current

Before this I worked in two restaurants
A combined 10 years

**I still actively volunteer tech/online services or
donate graphic work to a few organizations**