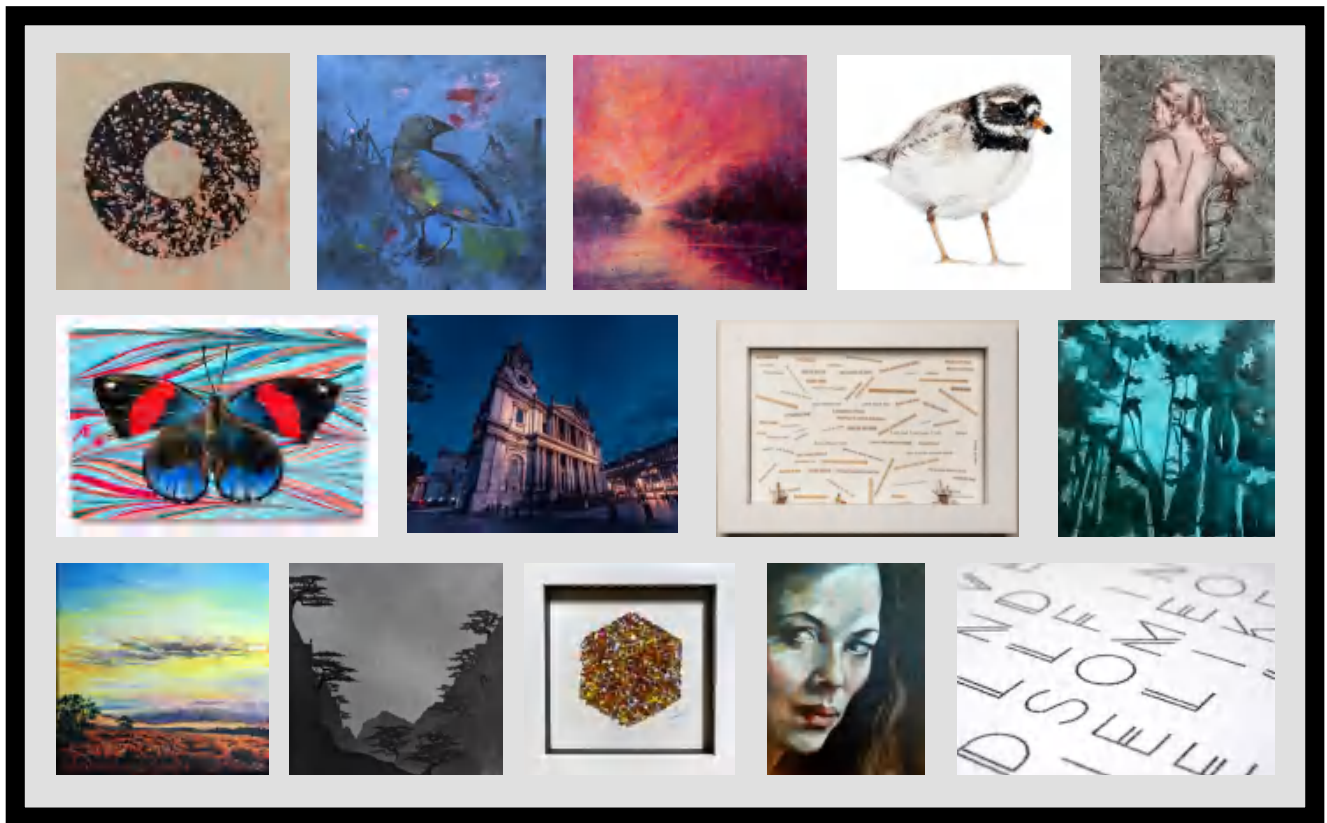




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Alexandra Robb

I am a fine art printmaker. I work with linocut and wood engraving. I love working both with colour and monochrome. My passion is the natural world and I have particular love of birds as a subject matter. I recently moved to the South Devon coast where I get a huge amount of inspiration, which is reflected in my recent work.

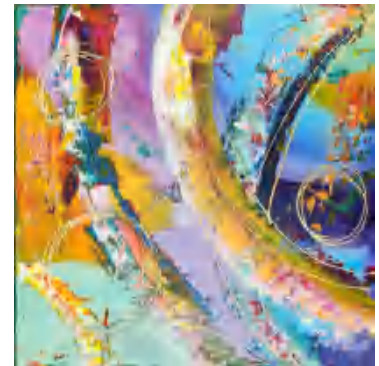


Alison G. Saunders

In my artistic journey, colour emerges as the primary medium through which I express emotions, capturing the nuanced depths of my own sentiments and echoing the sentiments of those who view my work. Each hue becomes a language of emotion, a palette that reflects the kaleidoscope of feelings, moods, and experiences that colour our lives.

Central to my artistic expression are the circles that populate my compositions, each one a tangible embodiment of a hug. These circles, ranging from broken to solid, from expansive to intimate, serve as visual embraces, offering solace, warmth, and connection.

Some are adorned with the luminous touch of real gold leaf, transforming them into golden hugs, symbols of enduring affection and compassion. Through my artwork, I seek to remind us all of the universal need for embrace, the reassurance that we are deserving of love and connection.



Andolini Art

I'm a contemporary artist who creates pop art and graffiti style artworks using mixed media from image transfer, stencils, acrylic's, inks, gels and sprays paints.



Annabelle Volpi

I am a self-taught French emerging artist who has recently embarked on an inspiring journey of creativity, healing and spirituality after dedicating 26 years to the corporate world. Drawn to vibrant colours, movement, and self-expression, I use my intuition to guide my artistic process, with music as my muse to enter a state of creative flow.

Last year, I graduated as a holistic creative art therapies practitioner, integrating my passion for painting as a therapeutic medium to express my inner self. Through my work, I aim to infuse joy and vitality into my creations, fostering a sense of freedom and exploration in my art.

My work has recently been exhibited in venues in London, as well as in Venice at the palazzo D'abruzzi. One of my paintings has been featured in the "Boomer" art gallery brochure.



Anne Sweet

Anne is a mixed media artist based in London, who loves to experiment with different styles and mediums, giving her a broad portfolio including pastels, acrylics, ink and printing techniques.

Anne creates abstract works, portraits, still lifes and various mixed media pieces on canvas. Anne is a very versatile artist not afraid to try new and different things.

Anne has exhibited at Battersea Arts Centre and at Rosie Q's Art Cafe in Wimbledon, as well as regularly showing with BobCat Gallery, and has painted numerous commissions.



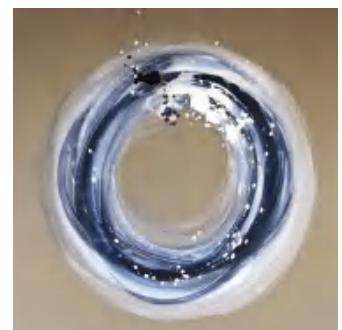
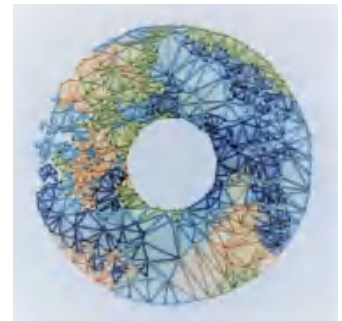
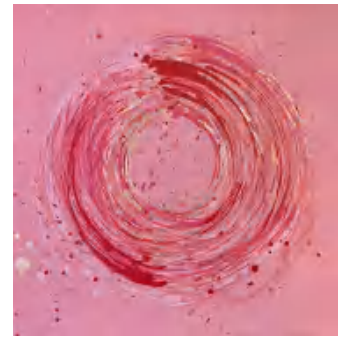
Caroline Banks

Caroline Banks is an Anglo-French artist now based at Collage Arts in Wood Green, London. Graduating in Mixed Media Textiles, her career has included art and design including fashion and interiors. In 2001 she moved to India, remaining in Asia till the end of 2007 when she returned to the UK. After a long break from exhibiting, she began showing her work once more in 2014 and is now fully focused on her art career.

She works with galleries and art consultancies as well as exhibiting at art fairs including The Other Art Fair both in the UK and the USA and the Affordable Art Fair in London. Much of her work is commissioned by both private individuals and corporations including the Berkeley Group. Caroline publishes a weekly blog through her website and is a member of the ArtCan advisory committee.

The energy and memory of gesture, the sense of something vitally important yet forever intangible, the transference of energy from one form to another in a cycle of death and rebirth, these are all elements of Banks' research and exploration. Her work, while abstract, is firmly grounded in observational drawing, the starting point for all subsequent markmaking. Influences are many and various, including archaeology, the Tao, Transcendental Meditation, quantum mechanics, astronomy and performance.

The chosen materials of gesso, ink and sometimes metal gilding, hold elemental and personal associations, adding another layer to her expressive and gestural mark-making. The calligraphic qualities of brush with ink result in paintings which, whilst full of movement, are also contemplative and timeless, meriting slow and repeated viewing.

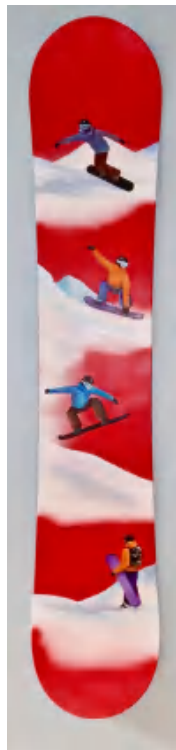
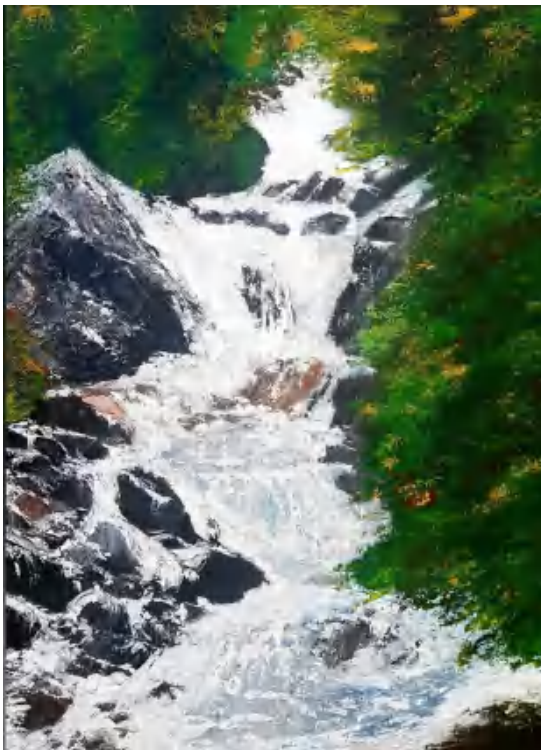


Caroline Wheaton

Caroline Wheaton is a self-taught, British artist and sculptor based in London and Chamonix. She paints mainly in acrylic and ink. She sculpts using stone, cast metals, plaster-based materials and resins.

Her painting practice reflects the mountain environment in which she lives. Landscapes and mountain sport dominate her work as she captures the physicality of her surrounds and the people who enjoy this extreme terrain.

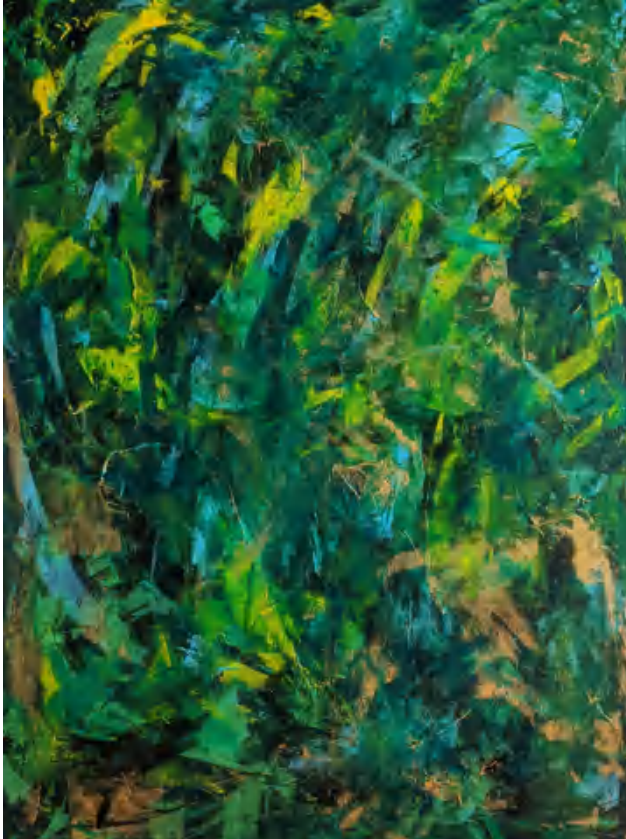
This physicality and her fascination with anatomy and physiology is explored more deeply in her sculpture, which centres on all things human. How we are put together, what makes us tick, how we adapt to our wider environment, how we portray ourselves... past and present. Caroline has exhibited widely in the UK and France and in group shows elsewhere in Europe and the US.



Catherine Sweet

A self-taught artist living and working in London, I primarily use acrylic, oils and found materials on canvas. I favour bright colours and plenty of texture, finding most of my inspiration in the natural world and in my favourite music. My latest series of abstracts explore our cultural relationships with colour and emotion.

My practice has adapted in recent years due to deteriorating motor function - I have Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, so difficulty gripping paint brushes has led to more experimentation with palette knives, stencils and spray paints, plus air-drying clay, collage and stitching.



Christopher Sweet

Christopher is an urban, landscape and wildlife photographer. From a young age, Chris has been interested in photography as a way to express himself, and to capture the moments that most people miss, or take for granted.

Chris has no formal training in photography, but has a deep-seated love of being behind the lens. He enjoys experimenting with different disciplines, and has developed a diverse set of skills that lend themselves to urban, landscape and wildlife photography.

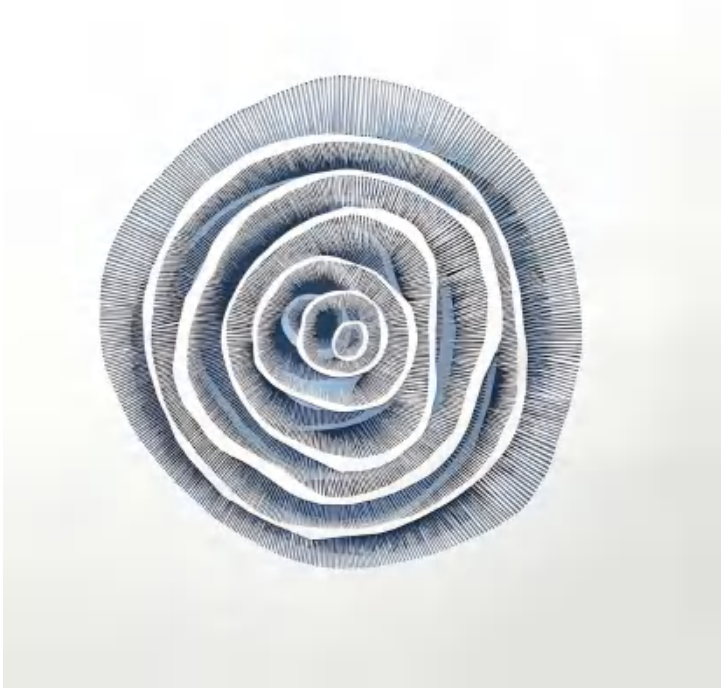
Chris has lived in a variety of small towns and villages around the south east and west of England, and grew up with nature on his doorstep. A move to London in 2001 allowed him to embrace the hustle and bustle of urban life and delve into the world of street and urban photography, however he still loves immersing himself in the natural world.



Clare Pentlow

Clare creates her artwork through the exploration of paper, constantly refining and looking for perfection whilst embracing the versatile qualities of strength and fragility. Through precision hand cutting and folding, her pieces evolve over time through methodical repetitive motions - building layer upon layer resulting in highly textured mesmerising pieces of art inspired by patterns in nature.

Clare's work has been exhibited across the UK, winning several awards, and she also runs paper art workshops introducing participants to different ways of working with paper. She thrives working with people challenging them creatively, helping them on a journey exploring the potential of themselves and the materials.

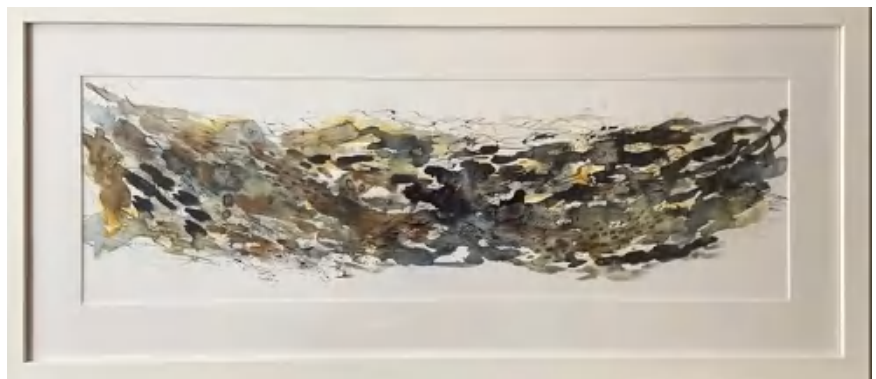


Debbie Tearle

Debbie is a painter living in Surrey, UK. She creates abstract and semi abstract artworks using watercolour and acrylic inks or oils and cold wax medium. Her experience of experimentation with a variety of techniques enables her to be flexible and select the appropriate medium and tools for expressing a specific vision or idea. Within her range of work, she enjoys developing textural layers and exciting marks within her pieces, but also enjoys creating fluid, ethereal images.

The landscape is a constant source of inspiration. Her work is an expression of experiences and observations, the relationship between nature and the individual. Debbie often uses materials gathered on her walks in the landscape which she uses in the process of creating an artwork. Recently she has begun exploring ways to incorporate natural inks and earth pigments into her work.

Debbie has exhibited in Surrey and in London in group shows, art fairs and galleries. She is a member of ArtCan. She regularly curates the 'In My Mind's Eye' exhibition at West Horsley Place.



Despina Symeou

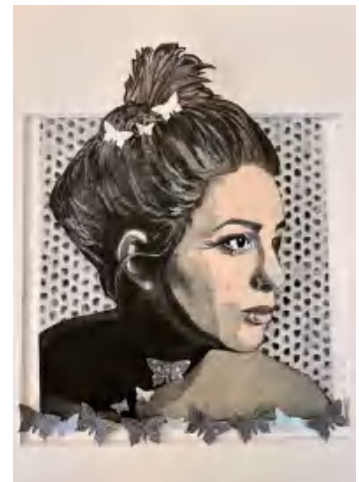
Despina is a painter and printmaker who lives and works in London. After the study of art forms focusing on fine art, printmaking and photography, Despina specialized in Jewellery Design, gaining a B.A.Hons Degree from Middlesex University. In recent years she has returned to the two dimensional formats that had originally fired her imagination, predominantly in etching.

The human form has been her preferred starting point for most of her projects, and an eye for the interesting and sometimes unexpected elements add to the narrative as the work progresses.

Despina began showing her figurative work in 2010 with her solo show Skin Shapes. Since then she has exhibited her work in and around London with the Printmakers Council, biannually shows work at The Affordable Art Fair (UK), and as a member of ArtCan, she collaborates with international artist groups which enables her work to reach a wider audience.

In 2018 Despina was shortlisted artist for The Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Many of her paintings and prints are in private collections worldwide and her etchings are held in the Victoria & Albert Collection Fund and the Scarborough Museum Trust.

Despina was the 2020 Prizewinner for Island2Island at the Velorose Gallery, Barbican, London.



Diana Burch

Diana explore the fragility of the earth and of the individual through drawing and painting which informs developments into sculpture and installation. Physical locations are ever-changing environments, a metaphor for cause and effect in emotional landscapes.

Influenced by personally significant places where memory plays a significant part, views are altered by a glimpse of light or a fleeting shadow. Conditions shape cloud formations and cause water to form trickles or torrents – or to disappear.

Diana is inspired by the idea that, no matter how ancient the land, it is constantly being renewed by the layering of seasons and human interactions. Often her process is a negotiation between herself and the materials. She uses traditional methods to make drawings and paintings as well as using found objects from the site to apply ink or paint, layering light, form and movement.

Diana's work represents times of stillness in places that are special to her, spent in that active but restful state of observing and responding to the moment.



Di Phelps-Lister

In our increasingly complex and busy world, Di's work tries to give the viewer time and space to reconnect with the world around us.

Her work is an instinctive reflection of the landscape in various parts of the country and are personal responses to, and memories of, places she has visited.



Elizabeth Hall

Elizabeth Hall is a London-based printmaker whose work draws inspiration from the beauty of nature. With a focus on marine life, botanicals, and organic forms, Liz brings her subjects to life in a playful and colourful style.

Through the medium of printmaking, she aims to convey the magic and wonder of nature. Liz's work serves as both a celebration of nature's wonders and a reminder of its vulnerability. Her intricate designs invite viewers to reconnect with the natural world, encouraging a sense of awe and appreciation for the delicate beauty that often goes unnoticed. Liz hopes to inspire others to reflect on the impact we have on the planet and to foster a deeper respect for its preservation.

With a background in digital design, Liz has rediscovered her love for fine art by immersing herself in the traditional craft of linocut printing. This approach, which contrasts with the precision of her digital work, allows her to embrace the unique imperfections that emerge during the printing process. Liz appreciates the unpredictable nature of printmaking, where each print reveals holds the potential for happy accidents that add character to her work— something that's often missing from the digital world she spends her days in.

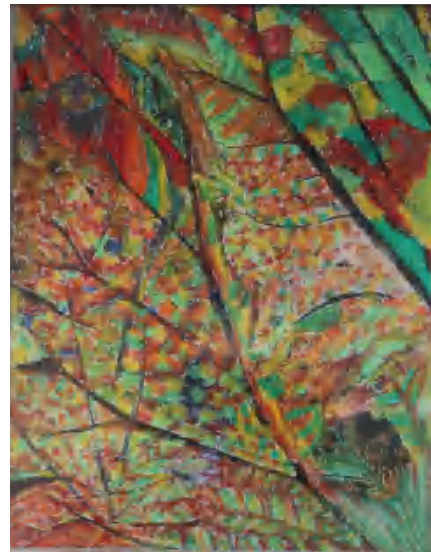
A member of the London print collective Pressing Plates and North London's Running Jump studio, Liz has recently exhibited at the Cave Gallery in London, Water Street Gallery, and the Fox Yard Studio in Suffolk.



Girvan Thompson

I enjoy creating art in all mediums. Art to me is an expression of how i see the world around me, and a lot of my work is bursting with colour.

My love of art started at primary school with encouragement from my teacher, and then further influenced at secondary school where I discovered other mediums. I have had exhibition in Earlsfield and Northcote Libraries and St George's Hospital.



Henriette Busch

I am a contemporary painter who creates evocative semi-abstract paintings of vivid landscapes and figures. I am drawn to beauty of all kinds – be it the beauty of nature or the beauty of the human body, or the beauty of shapes, forms and colours and how they fit together.



Jaco Nel

I am a London based artist with a background in Horticulture, Garden Design and Landscape Architecture.

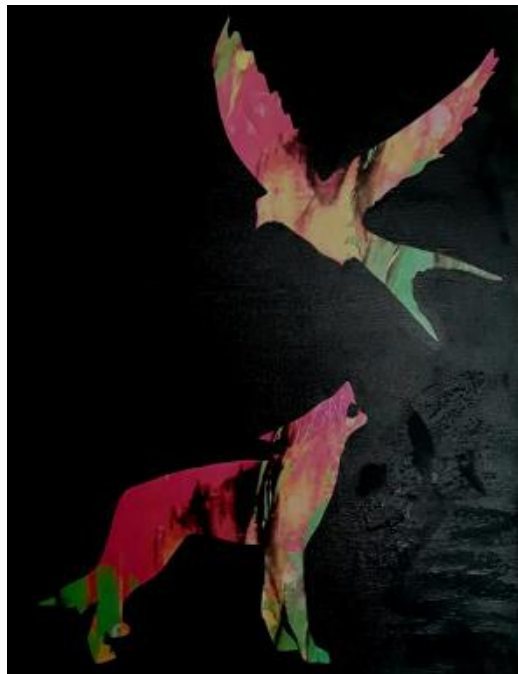
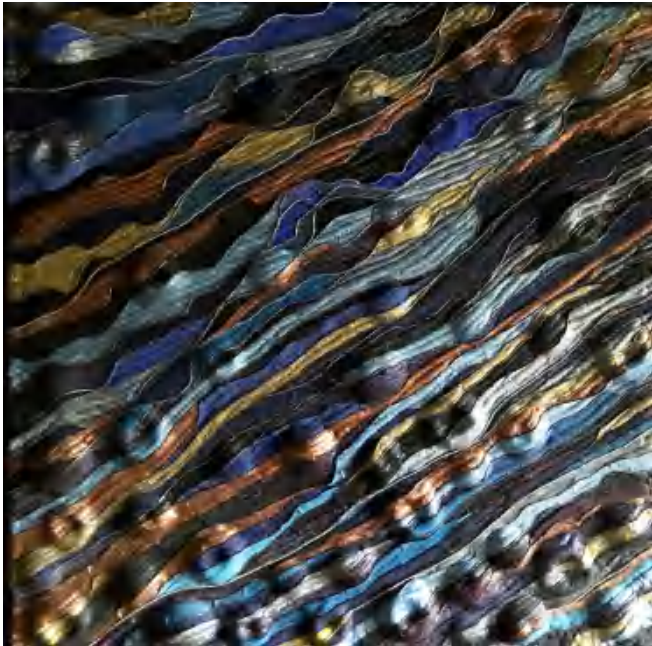
I create work in various mediums including graphite, watercolour, screen printing and etching. I have in the past also created and exhibited various works in ceramics (stoneware and porcelain).

I have a lifelong interest in plants, gardens and the public realm. I also teach Botanical Art and Garden Design at a local art school.



Jay Green

I am a textile designer and artist concentrating heavily on using everyday material's that would ordinarily been thrown away. I focus on bold colors and mixed media, incorporating sculpture into art to create something unusual.



Jessica Dunn

Jessica Dunn was born in London in 1963. Daughter of actress Priscilla Morgan and comedy actor Clive Dunn. She grew up in an artistic environment and was inspired from an early age by her father who was a keen amateur portrait artist.

After her art foundation at Kingston Polytechnic, she continued drawing, painting and printmaking, before moving to Portugal to work for a design company. She has remained in the Algarve, painting in her studio and exhibiting in group and solo shows throughout Portugal and in the UK and Italy.



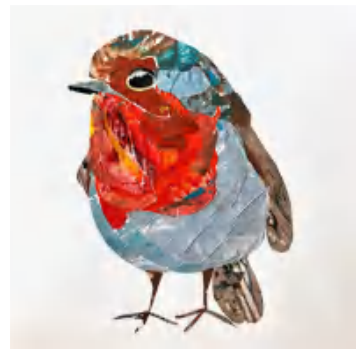
Jill Meager

Jill's focus as an artist is on vulnerability, beauty and loss. Raised in rural Scotland, she has always been close to wildlife and wilderness and wants to show the natural world in all its finery, its poignancy and its breathtaking brilliance. Through her portraits, she demonstrate what is at stake if we lose all this through careless human activity.



Jill works across all media and the most important aspect of her drawing is to place a single portrait on the surface, no background, no distraction, just the close-up image looking you in the eye.

Jill shows her work with BobCat Gallery, The Ashburn Gallery in Devon and with The Darryl Nantais Gallery in Cambridgeshire and in Stirling. She is also a member of ArtCan.



Jill has been shortlisted for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, for the V&A Inspired By exhibition, has illustrated a Michael Morpurgo Short Story, and she designs Christmas Cards for two charities; Farms for City Children and InterAct Stroke Support.



Judy Century

Judy creates vibrant, contemporary paintings inspired by the natural world. She enjoys capturing the essence of flowers or landscapes, stylising them, and making them her own with expressive marks and patterns.

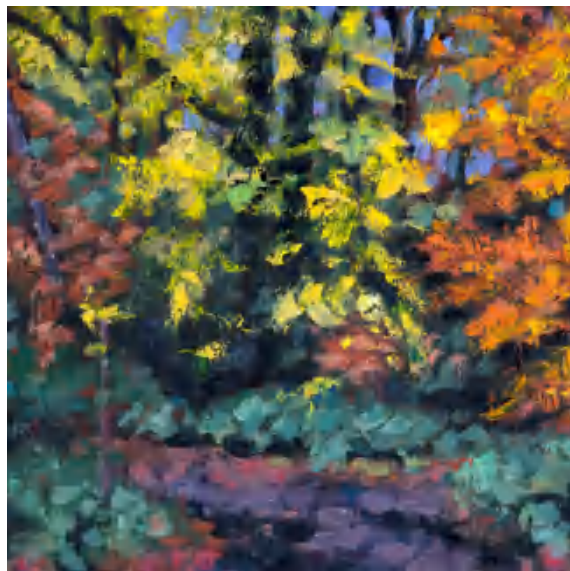
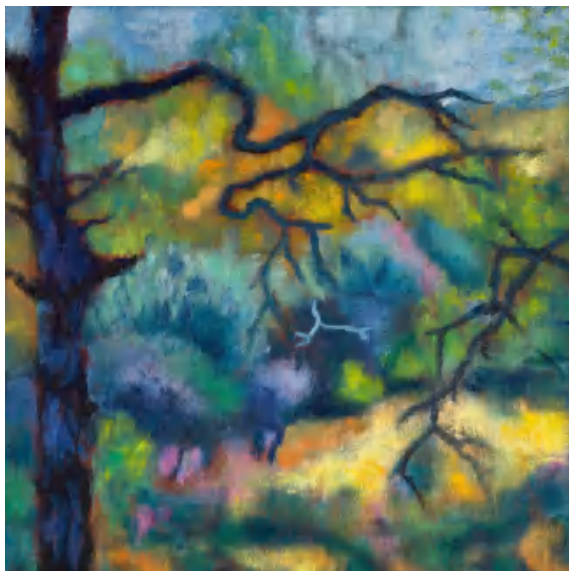
Judy plays with bold backgrounds, dramatic marks and scale, to create a contrast with the delicate nature of her subject matters. The results are energetic, colourful, statement pieces which celebrate nature whilst also creating decorative pieces to liven up interior spaces.



Julian Churcher

I'm a South-West London based landscape oil painter, inspired by creation. My first art prize was a box of oil pastels for a travel advertising poster at school. (Also my last, come to think of it.)

I've learned from enthusiastic and encouraging teachers at school, the great painters of history, and every other artist who has allowed me to 'look over their shoulder'. I'm happy to take commissions.



Laura Oates

Using mainly acrylic, Laura uses organic forms to create abstracts or semi-abstracts based on natural forms or landscapes to create images suitable for use in any home.



Leigh Ferris

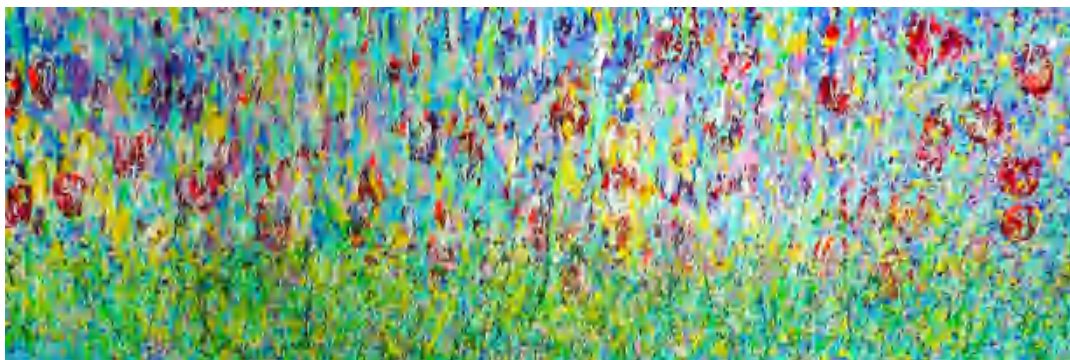
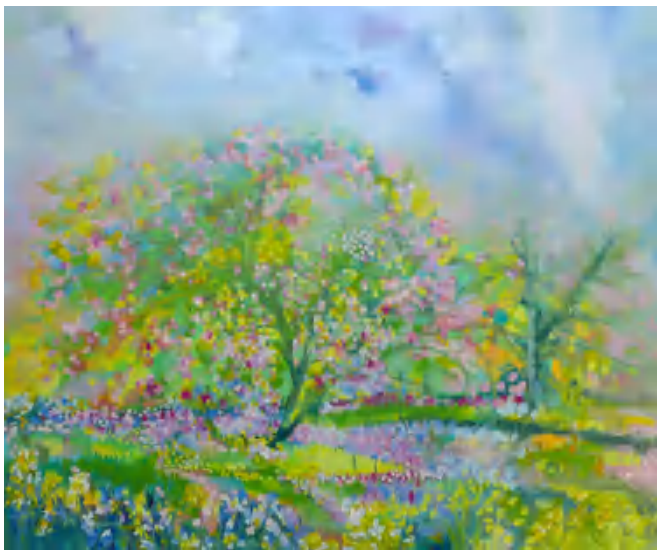
I am a self taught abstract artist based in Surrey.
My drive to create comes from the need to convey emotions and atmosphere when words just aren't enough! I won the award of distinction at last years' Kent Art Show.



Lesley Blackburn

I trained as a fine artist in 1979 and studied a Foundation course in Art at Wakefield School of Art, following this with a BA honours in Fine Art and Sculpture at Winchester School of Art. In the 80s, however, it was difficult to establish oneself as an artist without online galleries or social media. Galleries were restrictive as to who they would take. I therefore trained a nurse and midwife for large part of my career.

I took to selling artwork professionally in 2009 with artgallery.co.uk and had exhibitions in Malvern theatres in Worcestershire and Regents Park. I have sold work worldwide to the United States, Europe, Dubai, Australia, South Africa and the UK. My work centers around impressionism specialising in waterlilies, seascapes and floral work. I also produce semi abstract drip paintings influenced by Jackson Pollock. I rarely produce work inspired by Gustav Klimt. I sell online and am represented by several online galleries, work in partnership with Corner Gallery in Carlshilton Beeches and have been a resident artist with them for a number of years.



Kate Enters

Kate Enters is a Hertfordshire based figurative painter who explores the aesthetic inspired by contemporary issues and images. Her paintings depict a recognisable snapshot of daily life, occasionally conveying a bittersweet moment. There is often a social commentary running through her work but it is up to the audience to fill in the bigger picture or remember a personal experience that the visual she shares may evoke. Kate does not wish to dictate or manipulate a viewer's perception of what she paints. It is a shared experience in that way.



Kira Phoenix K'inan

Kira's work brings together fine art and craft through works on paper, inimitable glass sculptures, ephemeral installations, and multiexposure photography. Her love of art and colour began at an early age. She grew up in a vibrant community of artists on Lamma Island and would spend her weekends exploring the island where she developed a close connection to nature. She spent her summers travelling throughout Southeast Asia, America and the UK.



In 2012, Kira took a once in a lifetime trip where she travelled on her own to Hong Kong, Bali, Singapore, and Thailand. During this time, she created a series of watercolour works on paper. Upon returning to the UK, she developed a technique of translating her two-dimensional works on paper into three dimensional glass sculptures known as the Relief Glass Drawing technique. This labourintensive, hands-on process allowed Kira to experiment with surface textures by carving into plaster batts and combining different glass colours for a vivid outcome that responds to the natural light by creating shadows that dance on the walls or shift their tone depending on the type of light they sit in.



Today Kira's collections are known for their rich colour palette, dynamic lines that intertwist into one another, and works that are in constant visual flux.



Laura Fishman

Laura earned her BFA in Painting in her native United States from the State University of New York. It was here she studied with abstract expressionist Joop Sanders, friend and apprentice of Willem de Kooning, and the founder of the American Abstract Expressionism group. She also studied with Hudson River Valley artist Alex Martin, where her love of landscape painting was nurtured. The influence of her education can be seen throughout her works, with her use of bold colour and intuitive style.

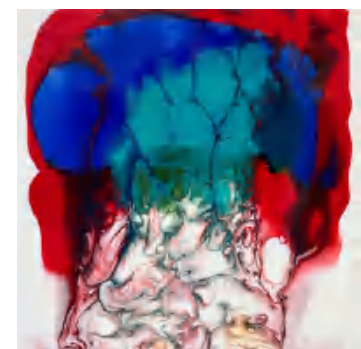


Laura continued her studies earning an AAS degree in Textile Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, and earned her MA Fine Art at Middlesex University, London. Laura lives and works in London, is a certified GOLDEN Artist Materials Educator and is Art Curator at Stephens House & Gardens, Finchley.



Since her early devotion to painting, Laura has been motivated by a love of nature and a fascination with paint as a material.

She uses colour, texture and movement, balancing intention along with chance to create a dynamic surface. She gravitates toward the abstract in art because it allows her the freedom to interpret the world she sees through her own creative lens.



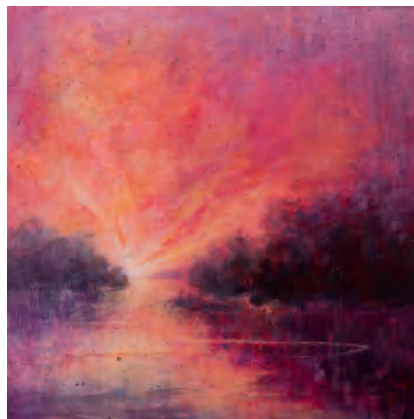
Laura Parker

Laura Parker is a self-taught, London-based artist. Laura is inspired by the natural world - from dramatic underwater views, to expansive landscapes, intimate still lifes and abstract works. She is a member of ArtCan and Richmond Art Society.

Art is a strand of Laura's life that has developed as she has grown older. For many years, art was something she loved and studied, gaining a degree in History of Art & Architecture at 45, but it had never occurred to her to try to create her own work.

At fifty, she began painting the landscape, and colourful still lifes. Then she used her scuba-diving experiences to depict the underwater world, producing images of marine life and of rusting wrecks. The natural world, and in particular water (above it, below it, and reflections in it), are a constant stimulus to her work.

Laura works in acrylics, oils and mixed media. She uses bold, contrasting colours, collage and energetic marks to guide the eye around a canvas. She builds up layers intuitively, to create artworks which feel dynamic and arresting, and where a history is inscribed on the surface itself.

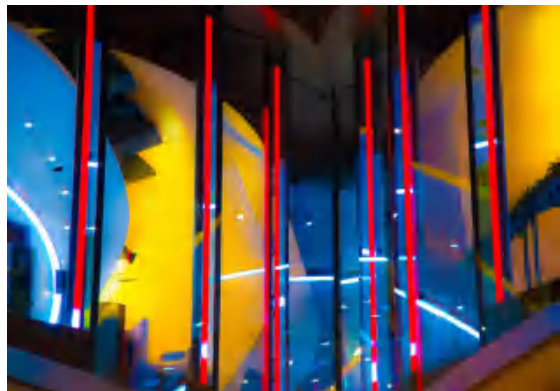


Linda Chapman

After graduating in photography, Linda pursued a photographic career for some years before deciding to leave the commercial world behind and follow her own creative journey.

Linda says: "My love of photography had started long ago with my fascination with light and the natural elements of photography. So more recently I decided to go back to my roots and once again explore the magic of natural light."

I capture natural light at it's most playful, through glass mainly when lots of refraction is happening. I am particularly drawn to architecture and often wonder around the urban streets for hours seeking those precious moments of light! Art has a great ability to change how an area can feel and how you see it. I hope I can bring you a unique perspective on city life, which will only be with natural elements, no filters or manipulation."



Liz Bernard

Liz has always had a keen interest in arts & crafts since an early age, but at school she was encouraged to study science and went on to do a degree in Biological Sciences at University. She went into teaching Biology and had a short break in her career at 40, when she attended Wimbledon Art School to do a Foundation year.

She thoroughly enjoyed pursuing her creative side, but this was short-lived, as she returned to teaching for the remainder of her working life. As she always promised herself, when she turned 60, she began to study drawing and painting at Adult Education Centres and at the NEAC. She continues to experiment with different media and subjects, and she is excited by everything she tries her hand at. As a consequence her work is varied in both subject matter and medium, but she is particularly drawn to colour and texture.



Lucia Hardy

Lucia Hardy is an artist from Harold Wood, painting expressive and dynamic birds, wildlife and wild British landscapes.

Born and raised in London to an eclectic Italian, Irish and Lithuanian family, Lucia is inspired by nature's strength, resilience and the struggle to balance darkness and joy in life.

Painting in textural acrylics, in a contemporary, semi-abstract style, Lucia's work is dynamic, vibrant and full of emotional energy.

Lucia has shown her work with Roy's Art Fair at The Oxo Tower Bargehouse and Truman Brewery, works with the George Farnham Gallery in Suffolk, has and participates in local arts groups including the Brentwood Art Trail and is a member of the Colchester Art Society.



Lucy Pickford

I've painted since she was about 8 years old, and I haven't stopped. Having originally trained in both Landscape Architecture and Art History, I draw on my experiences to bring an alternative perspective to the landscapes I paint.

The landscape architecture has never quite left me and I still look at the world through its streetscapes and thresholds, looking at the combination of human design and nature in everything. I predominantly work in acrylics and watercolour but have recently expanded into cyanotypes, producing prints, hangings and lampshades, exploring similar themes through new mediums.

My Japan series was exhibited at Hoxton 253 in July 2019 and more recently my London Grows show was at Batsford Books and Gallery in November 2023.

I've exhibited in several group shows since 2020 both online and offline, with regular pieces in BobCat Gallery's Putney location. In 2021, I curated the 'Crossing the Liminal' group show for ArtCan at Hampstead Garden Gallery in and had my work featured on the screens of Flannels Oxford Street store as part of the W1 Curates #LightItBlue initiative.

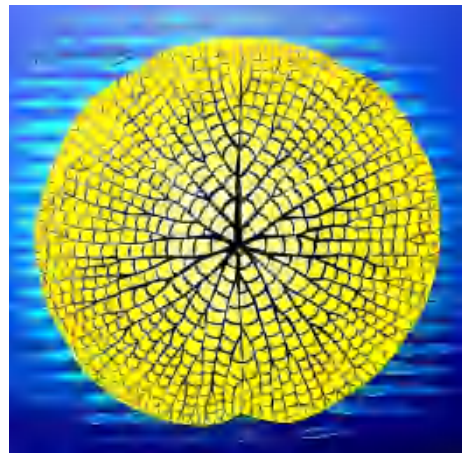
I'm a proud member of ArtCan, a contemporary arts organisation and was interviewed by Gita Joshi as part of her Curator's Salon artist interviews.



Mark A. O'Connor

I have always been inspired by waterlilies from Monet. Now I am inspired by the Victoria Boliviana - the largest lily pad in the world, displayed in Kew Gardens.

My current project includes the Victoria Boliviana, Waterlilies and Amazonia. I also have a collection of Boats in the Oceans, recently exhibited together at the Gallery in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, as well as a Disney Collection I produced from 2020 - 2022. A collection of my prints are currently for sale at Kew Gardens.



Rebecca Tucker

Rebecca is a Lancashire born/London based painter, with a BA in Fine Art from Reading University 1996. She is an active member of ArtCan.

Her paintings are the result of a visual 'discussion' between abstract and more representational methods of depicting subjects. Rebecca is keen to play with the viewers perception of subject and space in her paintings and then pull that preconceived idea back to the appreciation of what are essentially abstract marks on a two dimensional surface.

Abstraction has been a fundamental part of Rebecca's practice since her Fine Art Degree. Using landscape and the natural world as a starting point, the subject then fully or partially gives way to the pure joy of paint, drawn lines and marks on a surface. And once a painting is complete there then begins a collaborative interaction with the viewer, allowing them the freedom to bring their own experiences, emotions and memories to their reading of the work.

She works towards abandoning the sense that abstraction and figuration are mutually exclusive. The paintings can depict a notionally 'real' space, whilst also functioning, on closer inspection, as autonomous, non-referential, abstract and emotional objects.

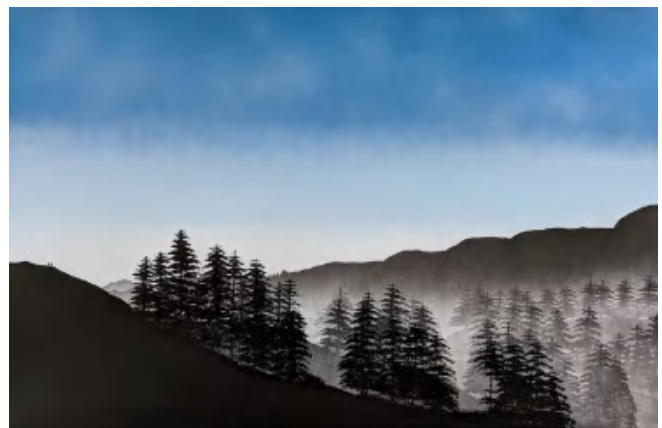
Working primarily with water-based materials allows the use of water itself as part of the process, painting layers and then fully or partially washing them away, taking advantage of the 'happy accidents' that occur, bringing an element of experimentation into every painting. She enjoys the use of adding a graphic line to create silhouettes, redacting negative space, playing with foreground/background, or focusing so closely on something that it becomes essentially abstract.



Robert Owen Bloomfield

Robert's art combines ideas of his two favourite artists (Rothko and Gormley) by placing figures in stark and sometimes harsh landscapes with unyielding horizons. His favourite material is spray paint: "I often used spray paint as a teen when out creating guerrilla art with friends in London. The idea of using street material in a more traditional way appeals to me."

Robert prefers working with the cool tones of grey and black as it leaves more to the viewer's imagination. The art he creates comes from endless introspection, and a variety of inspiration. His work is thoughtful, and presented in an accessible way for a wide audience. In his own words: "Everyone should have an original painting in their home."



Rowan Vuglar

At 72 years old I have held over 60 one man and group exhibitions. My work is always evolving, I love experimenting, but my work is also consistent as my own style has been well established. I hope you enjoy my journey.



Sal Jones

Sal is a contemporary figurative painter working in oils. Her paintings are about the human condition, our weaknesses and strengths, our emotional turmoil and contradictions; portrayed through the depiction of fictional subjects influenced by film and popular culture. Narratives are not necessarily explicit, inviting the viewer to invent and connect with the subjects.

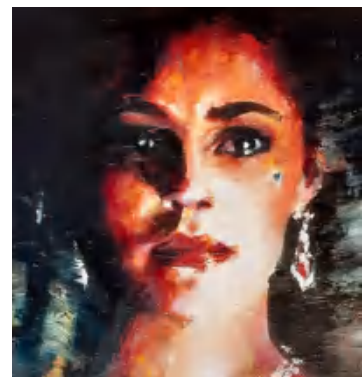


Sal has a BA Hons in Fine Art and a PGCE in Art & Design. She is a freelance Artist, Museum educator and exam board Assessment Associate. Sal has exhibited widely in London and the UK, in selected and solo shows. Works are held in private collections in the UK and internationally.

“My oil paintings are figurative, expressive and take the form of portraiture, although I consider them a different take on the genre. I use photographic source imagery as starting points for paintings, collecting and manipulating and finally selecting those that resonate with me on some level. I use the paint to draw directly on the canvas then build up layers from washes to more gestural mark making, often combining brushwork with palette knife. I invent colour palettes and marks that are emotive to the subject, experimenting with textures and techniques and using different tools to apply the paint.



I work on both large and small scales; the size and surface I am working on also dictate the processes used; it is an intuitive approach, both fascinating and challenging in equal amounts. I find painting a visual way to comment on contemporary life. The sources I select reference the cross-over between the fictional and the real in a society where the two appear to have become ever-more confused.”



Shannon Norman

My journey as an artist began in the isolating times of the pandemic, a where I sought self-expression. With no training, I bought some paints and a paintbrush and allowed my passion to flourish at a time when the world stood still.

I found inspiration in the intricacies of nature - its colours, textures and patterns. My love of animals in particular can be seen throughout my work. As a self-taught artist, my story is a testament to the power of perseverance and self discovery. Join me in celebrating the power of art and nature. I hope my art serves as a reminder that even during the most challenging times, beauty and inspiration can be found in the world around us.



Taya De La Cruz

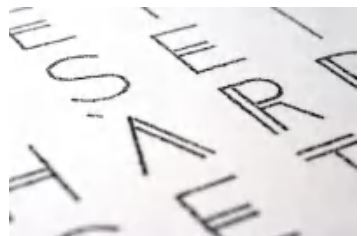
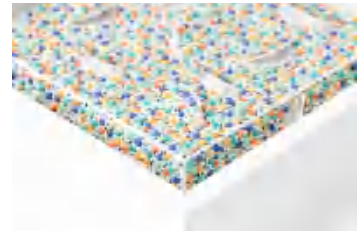
Taya De La Cruz uses detailed, minuscule handwriting as a way of methodically distilling chaos into order. She invites the viewer to move closer to the work and further explore the narrative behind it. The concept of the written word is expanded and redefined by its intention, which is not necessarily legibility, but being seen as a whole.

Taya's work is thematically centered around the human brain, and how we respond to life's challenging events. She is particularly inspired by the psychology of overcoming hardship, and elite performance. She focuses on finding light in the dark; difficult circumstances are made approachable and even beautiful. Her art encourages introspection, with the intention of large scale change, starting with each individual.

Taya's artistic approach serves as an antidote to the modern expectations of pace, achievement and results. Each labour intensive piece visually articulates the considerable amount of time taken to create it, and reinforces the message of slowing down and being present.

Taya recently created a new technique of painting, using medical-grade syringes and needles, which allow her to work with paint on a microscopic level.

Taya is a half-Spanish, half-Indian Londoner who was raised in sleepy southern Spain and educated in Gibraltar. She trained as an actress, and found her way into visual art organically.



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