

Abstract Perspectives: Colors in Harmony

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Closer by Alaina Mercer



Beyond Eyes by Deepa Agarwal



Galactic Swirl by Priya Rama

Deepa Agarwal

Born and raised in Jaipur, India, Deepa is a multifaceted artist whose work embodies the colors, vibrancy, and personality of her cultural roots. She believes art is not merely a visual experience but a powerful medium for creativity and self-expression. For Deepa, painting is akin to meditation—an incredible form of therapy that centers the mind and spirit. While she works in various mediums, mixed media remains her favorite, allowing her to explore and experiment with diverse textures and techniques.

Alaina Mercer

When entirely in tune within, I transfer every emotion, memory, and thought I can't easily verbalize onto canvas. The relation between colors, expressive textures, and blended edges harmonizes into something tangible. My paintings are portals to a universe of dreams, literature, and love; a glimpse of my heart and the embodiment of who I am, romanticized through abstracted landscapes.

Priya Rama

Priya paints the colors, shapes and textures that she experiences inside her head during her chronic migraine headaches. As an abstract expressionist, her paintings are spontaneous and intuitive, exploring dualities of pain/beauty, emphatic color/delicate brush lines, rich details/quiet resting spots, spontaneity/deliberate placement, translucency/opacity, and contemplation/assertion. Often, she says, completing a painting acts as a release, and reminds her that the mind can do more than just process pain: *It can transform pain into beauty.*

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Priya Rama was interviewed for CBS' "Sunday Morning with Jane Pauley" (which aired on February 16, 2020), WebMD, radio shows and podcasts. She has appeared in many print and online publications, and has presented to pharma research and art therapy groups. Priya's paintings have featured at various venues, both nationally and internationally, and her paintings can be found in private and corporate collections around the country.

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