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Artist Statement



As an artist I try to give form to things that are intangible like atmosphere....mood.....submission. I get my inspiration from nature and the profound silence of creation.. even in silence nature speaks through .

For me painting is about the pleasure of creating your world on a canvas.... it is a celebration.. it is a sketch.. that blends the rhythm and patterns of my life to create a new story on an empty thought.... canvas.

My paintings combine pictures from imaginary worlds intermingled with whimsical characters and dream like sequences which border on fantasy and mystic dreams. As an artist I work towards developing work of art that intrigue and speak to you at the same time.

I have always loved expressionist paintings and am inspired by the works of Marcel Duchamp and other artists like Salvador Dali, Ganesh Pyne, Gauguin ... I do use different mediums to express myself and work with oils, acrylics pastels and mixed media sculptures. I enjoy experimenting with different material and my explorations lead to new themes for my next body of work. My paintings depict colours often masquerading as each other .. highlighting at times the artificialness of art itself. Ranging from technical odd colours.. to warm earthy tones... to submissive melancholic notes ..exploring soft ideas as they turn to harsh reality. The swirls of paint containing the lush mesmerising memory of freshness in pigment fascinate me.

My art on hand made paper with acrylics are generally quick works that I indulge in between working with oils on canvas .I usually work on different paintings at a time .. whenever there is an explosion of ideas. My work invites the viewer to move into my world of fantasy and delve into beauty that I see in my world.