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Artist's Statement

I am curious about what motivates people, and why they make the choices they do. Art has always been my primary creative outlet, so drawing and painting people seemed particularly compelling to me and a good way to satisfy my curiosity about human nature. Throughout my life I have learned about art and about the nature of people, friends, and loved ones.

To better understand what motivates people, I completed a graduate program in counseling at City University of New York (Hunter College). I learned more about people and art through travel to places like Bangkok, Cairo, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Karachi, Macchu Picchu, New Delhi, Rio de Janeiro, St. Petersburg, Sydney, Teheran, and most European capitals. I wanted to paint the people I met along the way, but I could not devote the time. Now I focus on creating images from life. These images are also the inspiration for my abstract paintings.

For the past ten years I have coordinated regular life drawing sessions with other artists. Our models are friends and neighbors, everyday people whose inner lives are often revealed in their gesture or attitude. I strive to capture the essence of the individual at that particular moment in time. Even when few words are exchanged, I sense a spiritual connection with the model. My art reflects the visual conversation between artist and model.

I draw with a stick and fluid acrylic paint, finishing the work by applying paint with my fingers and a bit of cloth. Occasionally, I use a brush to complete the piece. Mark making, design, and color, help me to delineate the beauty I see in ordinary people, to experience the spirituality inherent in the creative process, and to celebrate the joy of living.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2011 Boston Printmakers 2011 North American Print Biennial,
Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA
- 2010 Drawings Plus, Solo Show, Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, Kerrville, TX
- 2009 People Who Pour, I550 Gallery, Kerrville, TX
- 2009 Nat'l Juried Show, Hill Country Arts Foundation, Ingram, TX
- 2005 Ceres Annual Friends Show, Ceres Gallery, NYC
- 2004 The Night of 1,000 Drawings, Artists Space, NYC
- 2004 The Square Show, Invitational, Ceres Gallery, NYC
- 2004 International Juried Figure Exhibition, Red Dot Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM
- 2004 Gateway National Juried Art Show, Farmington Museum, NM
