**ARTIST STATEMENT**

I consider myself an abstract artist working in the realm of non-objective art. To me, relying on my imagination is stimulating and calls for a measure of creativity. I love the journey that abstract takes me on. I start by brushing on the first layer of acrylic paint, then I might add some hand painted collage material, line work, stenciling or stamping. The layering process continues until several layers of paint have been added. I continue to add paint, editing areas that aren’t working until I am satisfied with the piece. I don’t start with a design in mind but instead respond to what’s happening on the paper.

I paint because I need and enjoy that creative outlet. I am always striving to become a better artist, looking at the work I’ve done with an eye to learn how I can improve with future pieces.

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